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Japanese foreign minister: I trust Netanyahu

DAVID HARRIS

JAPANESE Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda last night told *The Jerusalem Post* that he trusts Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, and expects he will turn his words into deeds.

"Netanyahu confided in me his determination to observe the agreements that have been achieved in the peace process to date, and to carry forward that peace process in good faith and energetically," Ikeda said.

Following a lengthy meeting with Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy earlier in the day, Ikeda called on Israel to resume the process as soon as possible.

"At the same time, I very much hope and expect that the Arabs will appreciate the willingness on the part of Israel and also live up to their responsibility," he said.

While the US has been pressuring Japan to terminate its relations with Iran, Ikeda justified his country's commercial ties with that country.

"We share with the entire world community the concern about the possible involvement in terrorism of Iran," he said. "To look at the other side of the coin, if there is clear and abundant evidence that Iran is involved in terrorism then obviously our relations with that country will change. However, at a stage where there is no such clear and absolute evidence, we would not take that sort of hard-fisted approach that a certain country is taking."

Japan will continue to caution Iran by maintaining its channel of critical dialogue, the minister said.

Economically, the minister would neither confirm nor deny the likelihood of imminent investments here by Japanese corporations, saying such pronouncements are a matter for the companies concerned, and stressing that Japan does not have a centrally planned economy.

Ikeda repeated his government's opinion that stability must exist in a country or region before large-scale investments will flow from the public sector.

"If we as the government were to use a budget which is derived from tax paid by the taxpayers for areas where war is raging, or where there is high risk of war, then the chance is public opinion would not accept such a Japanese government decision," Ikeda said.

Hijacked Sudanese plane diverted to Larnaca

LARNACA, Cyprus (AP) - A Sudanese jetliner with 186 passengers and 13 crew members was hijacked yesterday and diverted to the Larnaca International Airport in Cyprus, aviation officials said.

The plane landed at the airport at around 11:15 p.m. (2015 GMT), according to police Inspector Andreas Gregoriades.

The plane, an Airbus 310, was en route to Amman, Jordan from the Sudanese capital of Khartoum, according to aviation officials in Egypt.

Israel radio said the plane was being taken to Larnaca, Cyprus, to refuel for a flight to London.



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, clad in a life vest and goggles, is briefed during a visit to the US Navy aircraft carrier 'Enterprise' yesterday. (Zvika Yarnal/GPO)

Gold, Baz meet in Paris

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser Dore Gold and Osama Baz, diplomatic adviser to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, were scheduled to meet here last night.

The meeting, under the auspices of Dennis Ross, US Middle East peace process coordinator, was called to prevent deterioration in Israeli-Egyptian relations and examine ways to reactivate the peace talks.

The Egyptian Embassy spokesman in France limited himself to saying that a statement will be published after the meeting.

Ross met yesterday with Denis Buchard, head of

the Middle East and North Africa department in the Quai d'Orsay, France's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Arabic daily *Al-Hayat*, published in Europe, reported that Egypt is concerned about last week's successful test of the Arrow 2 missile. According to the report, Mubarak has received detailed intelligence reports about the missile and how it might affect the military balance in the region.

The report also indicated that Egyptian authorities are greatly concerned about the growing num-

ber of young Egyptians looking for work in Israel. Some 14,000 Egyptians arrived in Israel during 1995, and information has reached Cairo showing that some of them are employed in Jewish towns in Judea and Samaria, and others are recruited by the Mossad as spies.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister David Levy will pay an official visit to France on September 10. It will be the first official visit to France by a member of Netanyahu's government.

Levy is scheduled to hold talks with President Jacques Chirac and Foreign Minister Herve de Charette.

Arafat wants Weizman to commute prisoners' sentences

DAVID MAKOVSKY

A KEY reason why Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat seeks a meeting with President Ezer Weizman is that he wants Weizman to intervene to commute the sentences of Palestinian prisoners, including Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, non-Israeli diplomatic sources said.

Arafat is also seeking the release of women being held as accomplices in killings and Fatah members.

Arafat believes Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak won a commitment from Weizman to commute the sentences of Palestinian prisoners when the Egyptian leader phoned Weizman during the visit of then foreign minister Shimon Peres to Alexandria last summer.

Moreover, top Palestinian negotia-

tor Mahmoud Abbas is said to believe that he had a commitment from Peres last spring that Israel would release Yassin if the PA succeeded in locating the body of soldier Ilan Sa'adon, kidnapped and murdered in 1989. Sa'adon's remains were found last month with the PA's help, and buried earlier this month.

Abbas and others have suggested that the PA paid substantial amounts of money to Islamic militants for information on the body's location.

Apart from discussing prisoners, Arafat expressed interest in meeting Weizman in an attempt to increase public pressure on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to also meet with him, the diplomatic sources said.

Interest rates to drop by 0.5%

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE Bank of Israel's key lending rates will be reduced next week by 50 basis points to 15.8 percent, the central bank announced yesterday.

The second consecutive reduction, after seven months of a highly contentious policy of monetary restraint, follows a 2% drop in inflationary expectations, according to the bank.

The bank attributed the apparent cooling down of the potentially overheating economy to the sharp, 1.5% rate-hike it had sanctioned in June.

Inflation will apparently be lower in the year's second half than its level during the first six months, while money supply appears to be in line with the government's inflation targets, the Bank of Israel said.

It stressed, however, that inflationary pressures still exceed the government's targets, and that

while some recent data indicate a "certain slow-down in the pace of the domestic product's expansion," the economy is still plagued by surplus demand.

Evelyn Gordon adds: Speaking to reporters after a Knesset Finance Committee meeting, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel did not rule out further rate cuts this year, though he stressed that the government's planned budget cuts - which will not take effect until 1997 - are key to enabling further reductions.

Though the budget cuts will not take effect until next year, he explained, they could still have an anti-inflationary impact this year, if people are convinced they will really be enacted, and inflationary expectations decline accordingly.

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Uproar over attacks on Justice Barak

MICHAL YUDELMAN and Itim

A PUBLIC furor erupted yesterday over attacks against Supreme Court President Aharon Barak printed in two *haredi* newspapers. The attacks, targeting Barak as "the great enemy of Judaism," were roundly denounced by both opposition and coalition members.

The articles appeared in *Hashavua* and *Yated Ne'eman*.

Finance Minister Dan Meridor sharply condemned the attacks on Barak, the Supreme Court and the justice system, calling them "a severe incitement campaign that is unprecedented in the state's history, aimed at damaging not only senior justices but at undermining the basic values of society and the public's confidence in the justice system."

Meridor said "a torn society such as ours cannot survive without the restrictions laid down by the Supreme Court" and commended the Supreme Court justices, singling out Barak for his "unique concept of democracy and Judaism in the state and his protection of the most basic interests of society. There is freedom of expression, but no freedom of incitement," he stressed.

Hashavua editor Asher Zuckerman said that the article in his publication expressed the dissatisfaction of much of the *haredi* community with the method of appointing judges.

Labor MK Dalia Itzik charged that the incitement is not only endangering Barak's life, but threatening to destroy democracy.

"What troubles me most is Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's ongoing silence in the face of the incitement. He has learned nothing from the awful incitement which preceded [Yitzhak] Rabin's murder. Netanyahu should have been the first to call on all the *haredi* parties, as well as the secular ones, to come out against it. What he failed to do then [before Rabin's assassination] must be done now," Itzik said.

However, during his meeting with Japanese Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda, Netanyahu praised Barak and condemned the attacks on him, saying: "We are a country based on law, and the Supreme Court is a cornerstone of the legislative authority in the state. We will not permit attacks on this important and central institution."

Israel Radio legal expert Moshé Negbi said the articles against Barak, as well as posters condemning Barak that have appeared in Jerusalem neighborhoods, have all the elements of incitement that appeared in the attacks on Rabin last year.

Negbi said that the violent tone of the articles and posters could almost certainly be translated into violence, especially when directed at a public which he said considers religious values, as it interprets them, above the law.

"If you say to people like these that Barak is Judaism's most dangerous enemy, it's like branding him as a traitor to Judaism, as they did to

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Syrian troops in Lebanon said redeploying in fear of IAF

Expert: Syrian movements in Lebanon are a pressure tactic

SYRIAN troop units have redeployed into defensive positions in eastern Lebanon, apparently out of concern of possible IAF raids, according to reports from Lebanon.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, however, said yesterday that "there has been no basic change in the situation between us and Syria, and there has been no change in our intentions, which have always been to defend ourselves."

Foreign Minister David Levy said that "Israel is following the Syrian troop movements in Lebanon, but there is no need for panic."

An-Nahar said some units, including tanks, had pulled out of positions on the Beirut-Damascus highway. The newspaper said it appeared the movements were designed to guard against air raids and were apparently in response to recent "warlike" statements by

DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

Israeli leaders. "The change of positions of the Syrian army in the mountains and on the Syrian-Lebanese borders follows fears of an Israeli operation against these forces," An-Nahar quoted sources as saying.

The report quoted Lebanese security sources as saying that any air raids would be against Syrian troop concentrations deep inside Lebanon.

Some of the troops, therefore, had redeployed towards the Syrian border, apparently as a precaution, the Lebanese security sources were quoted as saying.

Lebanese security sources told Reuters that Syrian troops appeared to be carrying out a routine rotation of forces, as well as a rede-

ployment in which they were vacating some exposed positions they have held for years in central Lebanon.

According to the reports in the Lebanese press, the Syrian troops have moved from two key positions on the Beirut-Damascus highway, Bhamdoun and Deir el-Baida, both east of Beirut.

The reports, however, did not specify the size of the troop or armor movements, nor where they had been redeployed. But they did say that Lebanese army troops had taken over the Bhamdoun position.

Some Lebanese newspapers also reported that the Syrians had thinned out their troops in Moslem West Beirut, although there was no confirmation of this from other sources. The checkpoints in the region, however, were still reported to be manned by Syrian troops.

ZE'EV Maoz, head of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, said yesterday that the Syrian troop movements in Lebanon were a pressure tactic aimed at pushing the peace talks with Israel out of their current stalemate.

"The Syrians want to keep the pressure on and they want to indicate that if there is no movement on the political front then things might escalate," Maoz told The Jerusalem Post. "In the long run, if the political stalemate continues, the likelihood of conflict increases. Things like this have a tendency of escalating if the parties don't keep track of their actions."

Maoz said the Syrian troop redeployment has been going on since last week and had been scheduled

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

and even coordinated with Israel through the United States. "Redeployment involves temporarily increasing forces, because you don't pull out one unit before its replacement is in position," Maoz said. But Maoz said it was coincidence that the Syrian troop movements occurred during the recent saber-rattling between Jerusalem and Damascus.

"What is not coincidental and subsequently dangerous is that the parties are exchanging threats," Maoz said.

Maoz said the possibility of a conflict erupting between Israeli and Syrian forces would involve one of two scenarios. The first

would be following a resumption of large-scale attacks between Israel and Hizbullah. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has hinted that he would not refrain from hitting Syrian targets if this occurred, Maoz said.

The second scenario would involve an escalation following a series of statements accompanied by troop movements that would lead to a clash. But Maoz said this scenario was not likely since it was more controllable.

"The Syrians have a significant advantage over what Hizbullah can or cannot do. But like any other guerrilla organization, which is decentralized, it can be very difficult to control all guerrillas all of the time," Maoz said.



Human rights activist Bashar Tarabieh (center) is led by policemen and a plainclothes guard out of an Acre jail yesterday. (AP)

Security suspect placed under house arrest

THE Acre Magistrate's Court yesterday put Bashar Tarabieh, 27, of Majdal Shams in the Golan Heights, under house arrest for two days.

Tarabieh, who is suspected of security violations, has been living in the Philadelphia area for the past two-and-a-half years, and so will spend the two days in an Acre hotel.

He can not be in contact with anyone other than his lawyer, Hassan Jabarin, and can be

summoned for questioning at any time, the court declared.

Tarabieh was arrested last Monday for allegedly setting fire to a police station in the village of Mas'ada two months ago, and to the local council building in Majdal Shams three years ago, among other offenses.

Tarabieh said the charges against him are "nonsense. My case is no different than many

other cases. The only difference is that I am a human rights activist and live in the US." Tarabieh has been working for Human Rights Watch, a US-based organization.

Tarabieh told police that on the day of the Mas'ada fire, he spent the day picking pears and then went home to sleep.

Police initially requested that he be detained for three more days, but later agreed on two. (Itim)

PA legislator's goods seized for tax debt

BILL HUTMAN

HATTEM Abdel Khader, the Palestinian Council member who defied the government and opened an office in his Jerusalem home earlier this month, was visited yesterday by bailiffs who confiscated much of his furniture and electrical appliances because he owed a large sum in municipal taxes.

Khader charged that the confiscation was politically motivated and aimed at harassing him for challenging the government's ban on PA activity in Jerusalem. City officials, however, denied this, saying he was treated like any other resident who has a major debt to the municipality.

"The right-wing government is trying to put pressure on me to close my office," which is located in the living room of his home in Beit Hanina.

Khader admitted that he owed the municipality money, but said his lawyer had worked out an agreement with the city allowing him to pay the debt off in monthly installments of NIS 400.

"They took furniture, and my television, and other electrical appli-

ances," Khader said. The furniture in the living room that doubles as his office was left untouched.

The city spokesman said Khader owes some NIS 40,000, and the debt was turned over to a collection agency months ago, with court approval. The timing of the confiscation - just after Khader's stand-off with the government - is purely coincidental, the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, Khader said that senior Palestinian negotiator Mahmoud Abbas may have gone behind the back of Faisal Husseini, the senior PLO official in Jerusalem, in ordering the Palestinian Geographic Center in eastern Jerusalem closed over the weekend, as demanded by the government.

Khader, who formerly served as Husseini's spokesman, said that just days before leaving for Amman, Husseini told him that the center would remain open.

Husseini, reportedly in Damascus but expected back in Jerusalem today, was unavailable for comment.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two soldiers killed in Negev crash

Two soldiers from Kiryat Gat, Yaniv Azarzer, 21, and Arik Eliah, 20, were killed yesterday in a collision between their car and a cement mixer on the Yad Mordechai-Zikkim highway in the Negev.

Police said their car swerved out of its lane and slammed head-on into the cement mixer, which overturned. Two young men riding in a Border Police jeep were then lightly injured when the car ricocheted into their vehicle after the initial crash. The driver of the cement mixer who was also lightly hurt.

In another accident, a 15-year-old Palestinian was seriously injured when he was hit by a van in the Elah Valley. (Itim)

Palestinian policeman wounds driver

A Palestinian policeman fired at a car at a roadblock in Nablus, wounding a father of eight, after the driver received a signal from another policeman to drive on through.

The incident happened five days ago, but Zuhdi Araysheh, 41, who was a passenger, and was shot in the head by one of 40 bullets fired at the vehicle, regained consciousness only two days ago to explain what happened. He told human rights activist Bassem Eid that there was no stop sign indicating a roadblock. (Jon Immanuel)

PFLP-GC denies that Syria expelled Jibril

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command denied that Syria has asked its leader, Ahmed Jibril, to relocate to Iran, as reported in The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The PFLP-GC and Syria have a relationship based on mutual respect, according to a statement the organization released yesterday.

The statement also denied any involvement in last month's TWA crash, saying the PFLP-GC does not view the US as its enemy. (Itim)

Kahalani against Jewish worship on Mount

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani yesterday reiterated his opposition to Jewish worship on the Temple Mount, at a meeting with convicted Jewish underground member Yehuda Etzion, who is leading the fight to end the ban on all but Moslem worship at the holy site.

Kahalani promised, however, that he would raise the matter with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Etzion said. (Bill Hutman)

Report: Participants in Dhahran bombing carried Syrian passports

HILLEL KUTTNER WASHINGTON

IRANIAN and Saudi technicians involved in the June 25 bombing of the US military barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, carried Syrian passports, USA Today reported yesterday.

The article also revealed that six months before the attack, the US Air Force passed along intelligence indicating that a bombing was possible at the compound.

US and foreign intelligence reports obtained by the newspaper also stated that last summer, terrorist training increased in

the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley, and was conducted by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard and overseen by an Iranian diplomat based in Damascus.

Weapons transported through Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan to Saudi Arabia bore markings and serial numbers of military stockpiles in Lebanon and Syria, the paper reported, quoting the intelligence reports.

In the three months preceding the bombing, accomplices to the bombing also reportedly created disturbances at the compound's gate to test response time.

A US intelligence report was said to have reached the Joint Chiefs of Staff and other Pentagon officials prior to the bombing.

US officials twice asked the Saudi government to create a larger security perimeter around the compound, but were rebuffed, the reports stated.

PA economic minister to raise closure with Meridor today

JON IMMANUEL

FINANCE Minister Dan Meridor hosts Palestinian Authority Economics Minister Maher el-Masri for a meeting in Jerusalem today. The session is being billed as a get-acquainted session for two newcomers to the peace talks, though the Palestinians plan to raise several specific issues.

The main thing the Palestinians want is to convene the joint economic committee, which has not met in nine months, and to ensure Israel's continued commitment to the 1994 Paris economic agreements.

Next, "The closure must be lifted, not just eased," says Samir Huleihel, the ministry director-general. The closure restricts the movement not only of workers, but of commodities, investors, merchants and businessmen, he said.

"We have hundreds of international investors who came to invest here, but Israel has not given any permits since the Cairo agreement in May 1994," he said. According to Huleihel, many of these investors would have stayed if given permits, despite the closure, which other Palestinian officials say was the main reason investors withdrew.

Other immediate issues, such as the PA's need for an immediate cash infusion to pay the salaries of public sector workers, is not Israel's responsibility, Huleihel said he hoped this would be covered by the international donors in the donors' conference scheduled for September 5 in Washington.

On Sunday, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat met with the foreign minister of Japan, one of the major donors.

Unemployment, which stands at 50% in Gaza and 40% in the West Bank, and a \$127 million budget deficit are some of the economic problems facing the PA.

Terje Larsen, the UN coordinator stationed in Gaza, said last week, "We may see a financial collapse of the Palestinian Authority if these issues are not addressed."

He pointed out that easing the closure was essential to capping the PA's \$127 million budget deficit, since every 10,000 workers generates \$20 million in taxes to the PA annually. Meanwhile, the Palestinian Authority has received permission to fly the two Russian-piloted helicopters at Arafat's disposal from Gaza to the West Bank.

The decision clears up a perceived insult by the government last week when the IDF briefly barred Arafat from overflying Israel to Ramallah for a meeting with former prime minister Shimon Peres.

Arafat adviser Nabil Abu Rudeineh said Arafat planned to fly to the West Bank, probably to Ramallah, tomorrow and is considering making a major public speech.

However, the decision on the helicopters and the increasing pace of meetings between Palestinian and Israeli officials has not lifted Arafat out of his despondency concerning the low level of relations with the government.

President Ezer Weizman's decision to meet with Arafat is welcome, but with caution, as no date has been set, Abu Rudeineh said.

Gov't holds off on letting in more Palestinian workers

DAVID HARRIS

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Foreign Minister David Levy, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, and Finance Minister Dan Meridor did not increase the number of Palestinian workers allowed into the country, during a meeting held yesterday to discuss the economic problems faced by the Palestinians.

As a result of the meeting, however, a small team of senior representatives of the Prime Minister's Office and the three ministries will discuss possible proposals in detail. Among the possibilities raised yesterday was a proposal to increase the number of Palestinian workers allowed in from 32,000 to 50,000.

The ministers also looked at ways to ease the passage of goods out of the territories, including facilitating quicker security checks at crossing points. They also discussed ways to make it easier for Palestinian businessmen to move between Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, and into Israel.

Increasing the number of Palestinian workers by 18,000 "would have a significant impact on the Palestinian Authority's attitude," Foreign Ministry assistant director-general for economics Oded Eran said yesterday.

The International Monetary Fund and World Bank estimate that every 10,000 Palestinians who

work in Israel generate an annual \$20 million to \$25 million in income. Since the closure began six months ago, the PA says unemployment has risen to 40 percent in the West Bank and 51% in Gaza.

One issue not considered was a Palestinian demand that Israel stop sending defective goods to the territories.

The Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PEDCAR) last week insisted Israel prevent the Palestinian market from being flooded with out-of-date goods, or products which are not up to standard for international export.

This claim was rejected by Eran, who is heading Israel's economic negotiations with Egypt, Jordan, and the PA.

"In Israel, we say it is the responsibility of the vendors to see that the goods they sell are of good quality," said Eran. "The same should be true the other way around. If Palestinians feel Israeli goods are defective, they don't buy them."

Eran also expressed concern over Palestinian proposals to introduce legislation limiting dealings with Israel that are "contradictory to at least the spirit of our economic agreement." The planned laws include the limiting of the goods imported from Israel, and the establishment of Palestinian agencies to monitor imports.

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הנהגה מן האסלם

Jerusalem municipality: 5,000 students attend illegal schools

BILL HUTMAN and Tim

ABOUT 5,000 Jerusalem youngsters study in haredi schools that operate with no Education Ministry supervision, in clear violation of the law, according to municipal officials, who held a press conference yesterday held to mark the opening of the school year.

The schools belong to the most extreme of the haredi groups, which do not recognize the state, according to the officials.

Avraham Schwartz, head of the municipality's haredi education department, said that the ministry, and not the city, is responsible for enforcing laws requiring schools to be overseen by the ministry.

Some 93,000 youngsters are slated to begin their studies next week in the capital. Mayor Ehud Olmert said that despite budget constraints, the municipality continues to spend unprecedented amounts of money on improving the city's education system.

Some NIS 387 million of the municipal budget goes to education this year, up by over 50 percent since four years ago.



Gal Friedman, wearing his Olympic bronze medal, accepts congratulations from Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon during a ceremony at the Knesset yesterday for returning Olympic athletes.

New technique may preserve fertility in cancer patients

JUDY SIEGEL

RAMBAM Hospital doctors will remove a small section from the ovary of a woman, who is undergoing aggressive chemotherapy for lymphatic cancer, in the hope of transplanting it back into her body after she recovers.

This experimental procedure, developed recently in Britain and being tried for the first time here, is aimed at giving women made infertile by cancer therapy a chance to have children.

The technique has not yet produced a pregnancy in any medical center that has attempted it, but based on animal experiments, doctors believe it can work. Rambam gynecologists, headed by department chairman Prof. Joseph Itskovitz, have received the go-ahead from the Helsinki committees on human experimentation, both in the Health Ministry and in the Haifa hospital itself.

A tiny piece of ovary is removed by laparoscopy. The tissue is frozen. When the woman is ready to have a child, the tissue is defrosted and reinserted into the ovary — either pushed inside or attached

with a few stitches. If this is not possible, the eggs can be ripened *in-vitro* and fertilized with her husband's sperm for implantation in her uterus or fallopian tubes. The ovarian tissue can remain frozen for years, Itskovitz said yesterday.

Simultaneously, the woman will undergo hormone treatments as preparation for removal of individual ova, which will be fertilized in a glass dish by her husband's sperm. Any resulting embryos will be frozen for use when she is well enough and eager to have a baby.

Itskovitz explained that reimplanting defrosted ovarian tissue is preferable to ordinary *in-vitro* fertilization of stored embryos, as the tissue could start producing estrogen in the woman's body and save her from a premature menopause. If it works, this technique would be preferred for children or single women who must undergo aggressive chemotherapy. Most women who undergo conventional chemotherapy do not become infertile, but more aggressive anti-cancer drugs and radiotherapy can kill their ova.

Teachers refuse to take wage dispute to labor court

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE perennial threat of a school strike loomed again yesterday as secondary school teachers turned down the Treasury's suggestion that a labor court rule on whether teachers' wages had eroded since the wage agreements signed with them in 1993 and 1994.

The suggestion was raised in a meeting yesterday between Treasury wage director Yossi Kucik, and Shoshana Oren, head of the Secondary School Teachers Association. Shortly afterwards, the union announced that it was turning down the proposal.

The Treasury claims that the teachers should return 13.8% of the wage increment they received. The teachers claim they are entitled to a further raise of 2%.

"A court procedure would take much too long," union spokesman Rivka Kanarek explained. "We want to solve the problem before Sunday, otherwise we will not open the schools. Why does it have to take so long to implement an agreement which should have gone into effect on January 1, 1996, the date agreed upon to fix the rate of erosion of our wages?"

"If they are so sure they are right, why don't they let the court prove it?" Arye Greenblatt, a Treasury spokesman, said last night in response.

The discrepancy between the

two sides is a result of the interpretation of the erosion. The teachers, who are linked to the engineers' scale, say that they are missing the component of *darga* (level) which other sectors of the economy have. "Let the Treasury compare a teacher with an engineer, who three years ago had level eight, and who now has level 12," Kanarek said. "Instead, they are comparing the same teacher with an engineer who has only now reached level eight."

Judy Siegel adds: Health services will be supplied in the schools for at least the next four months, after the Finance Ministry decided to transfer NIS 24 million to the local authorities to cover the expenses of doctors, nurses and vaccinations.

The National Parents Association had threatened to strike if parents were forced to pay a health-services fee this year, as the national health insurance system launched in January 1995 counted school health services as part of the basket of services to be supplied free. But the local authorities and the Health Ministry argued that they didn't have the money to pay for them.

A Treasury spokesman said that legislation would be passed towards the end of the year formalizing arrangements regarding school health services.

Stockholm congress seeks answers to child prostitution

ESTHER HECHT

AS anger, grief, and fear spread through Belgium following the deaths by starvation of two eight-year-old girls at the hands of a pedophile gang, the World Congress Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children opened today in Stockholm.

"The purpose of the congress is to get governments to take the problem seriously, because it is becoming international," said Leah Gruenpeter-Gold, secretary-general of Shani, the Israel branch of the International Abolitionist Federation. Gruenpeter-Gold is attending the conference as the representative of a nongovernmental organization.

It's a mistake to view sexual exploitation of minors as restricted to one part of the globe, she said. The fact that Israelis who visit Southeast Asia can buy sex with eight-year-olds whets their appetite for similar services here. "The result is that brothel owners here employ younger and younger prostitutes," she said.

According to Gruenpeter-Gold, the route to child prostitution here often begins with sexual abuse in the home. In adolescence, the victim may become a drug addict, then turn to prostitution to support the habit.

The availability of child pornography here also spurs the demand for child prostitutes, she said.

Ironically, experts in the field say that countries like Holland, Germany, and Austria that have tried to control prostitution by institutionalizing it have ended up with the worst problems. International traffickers in child pornography and prostitution have

become most entrenched in these countries.

Dr. Menahem Horovitz, a member of the Film Censorship Board and a Hebrew University criminologist who is an expert on sex offenses, said exploiting children to produce child pornography is clearly illegal, but restricting an individual's right to view pornography is more problematic.

According to Horovitz, evidence linking film and video viewing and behavior is inconclusive, though all research on the subject shows there is a desensitizing of the viewer. "If you watch a lot of violent movies, for example, you need a higher and higher level of violence to arouse your interest," he said.

The Stockholm conference might have gone unnoticed here, except for the flap that erupted several weeks ago over the cost of accommodations for the prime minister's wife, Sara Netanyahu, who was scheduled to attend. Following the scandal, she withdrew her participation. Although about 50 ministers from various countries are expected at the conference, Israel has sent no ministerial-level representatives.

Gruenpeter-Gold hopes the conference will raise the level of awareness here. "The public, including those who deal with the problem, aren't aware that prostitution is to society what incest is to a family," she said. Everyone is up in arms about incest, but the usual attitude is that a prostitute chooses her occupation. I don't think little girls choose this."

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Democrats expect unity at party convention

TRYING for a re-election boost, Democrats open a unity convention last night in this city that once symbolized their divisions, as polls showed President Clinton's lead on Republican challenger Bob Dole was narrowing.

"We enjoy our diversity here. We don't see it as a liability; we see it as an asset to our party," Senator Chris Dodd, the party chairman, said yesterday.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Vice President Al Gore rallied the faithful in Chicago and reminded Democrats "we need to stick together."

"This is first time in 60 years that a sitting Democratic president has not been challenged in his own party," Dodd said in a television interview.

The Democrats will use the

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four-day convention to counter Republican claims at their convention two weeks ago that Clinton is a failure and Dole can do more for women and ethnic minorities.

The Democratic Party, traditionally left-of-center, appeals to diverse segments of the US population, from workers to scholars and ethnic minorities. The Republicans have a traditional following among business people and conservatives.

The Democrats' opening night will highlight the party's commitment to minorities, with speakers famous and little known. Clinton won't arrive until tomorrow to accept the formal nomination.

The Democrats last convened in Chicago in 1968, at the height of opposition to the Vietnam War. Protesters fought police in the streets, and the battles were televised across the nation.

Clinton's lead over Dole has narrowed significantly since the Republican convention.

The ABC television news national tracking poll said that among voters who seem more likely to vote in November, Clinton got 47 percent, Dole 42 percent and Ross Perot 7 percent.

A CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll found Dole significantly stronger than he was before the Republican gathering - trailing Clinton by 12 points, down from 22 in early August. (AP)



President Bill Clinton is handed a saxophone by one of his supporters in Chillicothe, Ohio where his train stopped as a part of the president's whistlestop tour on the way to Chicago for the Democratic Party Convention. (AP)

Albright: US says 'no' to Boutros-Ghali, 'yes' to UN

CHICAGO (AP) - UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali has to go, but a second Clinton administration would retain strong support for the United Nations, Ambassador Madeleine Albright said on the eve of the Democratic convention.

Albright, the United States' top UN diplomat, said the decision to oppose Boutros-Ghali's re-election to another term is "irrevocable" because, although "we appreciate what he's done," a new leader is needed to take the United Nations "into the 21st century."

Albright avoided any direct criticism of Republican candidate Bob Dole's views on foreign policy as she addressed several hundred foreign visitors to the Democratic National Convention, which opened last night.

She defended Republican-sponsored US laws aimed at increasing pressure on Cuba, Iran and Libya by penalizing other

countries' businesses that have dealings with the regimes. She challenged allies who have criticized such US efforts to do more to fight terrorism and promote democracy.

Canada's ambassador to Washington, Raymond Chretien, asked Albright to reconsider US opposition to Boutros-Ghali, calling it a mistake, and said some US laws appear to go against international law.

"Mr. Ambassador, we would like you to help us get democracy in Cuba," Albright told Chretien.

Albright, while allying herself with Republicans on that issue, gave a sharply contrasting view of the United Nations from the criticism and calls for tougher US policies that emerged from the Republican convention two weeks ago.

Clinton administration support for the United Nations is good for the world and "good for America's citizens," she said.

Despite the UN bashing by "US

pundits and talk show hosts," Albright said, public support for the United Nations is strong.

Nonetheless, she said, the Clinton administration has supported and helped achieve reform at the United Nations, including approval of a no-growth budget, reductions in the number of UN peacekeepers and a better job of planning and managing peace operations.

Albright defended US reluctance to be tougher on China.

"I am an idealist, but I am a pragmatist," she said when challenged by Canadian and Taiwanese members of the audience to defend the administration's non-confrontational policy towards China. "Our stakes with China are very large. China is a world power."

In contrast, she called Cuba "an embarrassment to the Western Hemisphere."

"We deal with China using other methods," she said.

Chicago Seven 'return to scene of the crime'

ARTHUR SPIEGELMAN
CHICAGO

THE ageing warriors whose anti-Vietnam War protests convulsed the Democratic convention in 1968 returned in triumph "to the scene of the crime" yesterday and were welcomed by the mayor whose father set the police on them.

It was a case of letting bygones be bygones on the eve of the first time in 28 years that the Democrats have dared to hold their national convention in the Midwest's largest city, so brutal was their reception the last time.

Mayor Richard Daley welcomed Tom Hayden, Bobby Seale, David Dellinger and other surviving members of the group

known as the Chicago Seven to a three-hour reconciliation rally and songfest where the hit tunes of the protest movement were played by Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne and two-thirds of Crosby, Stills and Nash.

Moments after the fully clothed cast of *Hair* sang "This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius," the mayor stepped to a barely lit podium not to offer an apology, but a welcome - something his tough, no-nonsense father would never have done.

"You are welcome today. We can't bring back Martin Luther King Jr. or Bobby Kennedy. We can't change the past, but we can learn from it... The challenges of today are too great to keep fighting the past," he said, referring to two heroes of the 1960s assassinated in that year, 1968.

The rally was sponsored by the Nation Magazine and the mayor skipped out as quickly and as quietly as he could - long before giant images of police beating demonstrators were shown, long before haughty pictures of his father and Judge Julius Hoffman were shown.

The judge presided over a 5 1/2 month trial that bordered on farce when it did not actually cross that border. He ordered Seale, the rapid-speaking founder of the Black Panthers, bound and gagged because he wanted to defend himself and sentenced the other defendants and their lawyers to long prison terms for "contempt of court" because they broke into his comments from the bench and ridiculed him.

The sentences were later overturned and an official commission accused the Chicago police of staging "a riot" against the protesters.

Chelsea makes political debut

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio (Reuter) - Chelsea Clinton, until now carefully shielded from the exposure of public life, made her political debut on Sunday on her father's whistlestop train trip.

Chelsea, 16, was at President Bill Clinton's side as he rode the rails through parts of West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio, and was introduced at every stop. She even worked ropelines, shaking hands with excited fans.

Hillary Rodham Clinton saw her husband and daughter off on the trip in Huntington, West Virginia and then went on to Chicago to begin a rigorous Democratic Convention schedule.

Asked if Chelsea would have a prominent role in the campaign, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said: "She'll do what she did today when she can. She has to go back to school."

The president's daughter is going into her senior year of high school at Sidwell Friends School, a private school in Washington.

McCurry said Chelsea has asked to go on the train trip and attend the convention where her father will be re-nominated, but said her exposure did not signal the start of a new political career.

Chelsea "is a very poised young lady, but she's not that much interested in politics," the spokesman said.

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Former South Korean presidents Chun Doo Hwan (right) and Roh Tae-woo stand to hear their fate at the Seoul court which yesterday sentenced Chun to death and Roh to 22½ years in prison. See adjacent story. (AP)

Death for ex-president Chun, Roh gets 22½ years in S. Korean 'trial of century'

A South Korean court sentenced former president Chun Doo Hwan to death yesterday on charges of masterminding a 1979 coup and an army massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators the following year. Under Korean law, execution is carried out by hanging. His presidential successor, Roh Tae-woo, was sentenced to 22½ years in prison for playing a supporting role. Grim-faced and dressed in blue cotton prison pyjamas, both were convicted of massive corruption during their 13 years of rule that ended in 1993. Many Koreans believe current President Kim Young-sam will offer the former generals a pardon. The decision was a resounding condemnation of South Korea's bloody and militaristic past. A three-judge panel found the two guilty of seizing power in a coup in 1979, then ordering troops to crush a pro-democracy uprising in the southern city of Kwangju six months later. At least 200 civilians died and hundreds, perhaps thousands, of others were injured.

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Kwangju was the nadir of 47 years of authoritarian, largely military rule that began when South Korea gained its independence with the surrender of Japan at the end of World War II. The nation got its first civilian president in 32 years with the election in 1992 of Kim Young-sam, who instigated the charges against his military predecessors. Separately, nine business tycoons - including the chairmen of Samsung and Daewoo - were sentenced for bribing Roh. All got jail terms but the sentence on the Samsung chairman was suspended, meaning he will not serve time. In all 13 former military colleagues of Chun and Roh were handed jail sentences of four to 10 years in what was dubbed the "trial of the century" that dug up many of the dirtiest secrets from the era of strongman rule. Nine one-time aides bodyguards received jail terms on various charges of bribery, including acting as bagmen for their presidential bosses.

The army massacre in the southern city of Kwangju killed about 200 civilians by official count and crushed democratic opposition to Chun's martial law rule. Chun and Roh are expected to appeal against the sentences handed down by the Seoul District Criminal Court. "I have a heavy heart," senior judge Kim Young-il told a news conference after the trial. Presidential aides said it would be absurd to comment on the possibility of an amnesty before the cases were reviewed by higher courts. The case against Chun and Roh turned Korean business and politics upside down, spurred by president Kim's campaign to "right the wrongs of history". Women relatives of the Kwangju victims, dressed in mourning white, attacked Roh's son, Jae-hun, as he left the court shouting "Kill the murderer's son". Earlier they cheered news of the death sentence, but some burst into tears when they heard Roh had escaped death.

Lebed, Chernomyrdin meet, Yeltsin holidays

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RUSSIAN security chief Alexander Lebed met Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin to discuss peace plans for breakaway Chechnya yesterday as Russian troops and rebel fighters mixed uneasily in the Chechen capital. Few details were given of the talks between Chernomyrdin and Lebed, who returned to Moscow from Chechnya on Sunday saying he needed to seek top-level support for the plans and solve the legal technicalities of a political settlement for the region. Earlier yesterday, there were reports that President Boris Yeltsin might meet today with Lebed. But Yeltsin's office abruptly announced that the ailing leader was on vacation as of yesterday, casting doubt on a meeting with Lebed and increasing concerns about the president's state of health. Yeltsin was staying at his Rus country residence, 90 km northeast of Moscow, said his spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky. The brief announcement was released at about 7 p.m. yesterday. It gave no further details and Yastrzhembsky refused to elaborate on the length of Yeltsin's vacation. Yastrzhembsky said Yeltsin might be meeting with various officials during his absence. Yastrzhembsky indicated the president will not stay at the Rus for the entire duration of his vacation, saying his time off "has just

started." Earlier this month, Yeltsin spent two days in the northern region of Valdai on what was described as a pre-vacation trip. Yeltsin "maintains control over the issues of domestic and international politics. Every day he is receiving from Moscow a large package of documents that demand his involvement," Yastrzhembsky told Russian news agencies. However, he "must be given a chance to rest and restore his health after the election campaign," the spokesman added. Lebed's office said he and Chernomyrdin expressed satisfaction over the ceasefire in Chechnya during a 90-minute meeting. Lebed also presented proposals for a political agreement for the region, which will be discussed with the rebels when Lebed returns to Chechnya, the agency quoted Lebed's office as adding. It said the accord is being scrutinized by legal experts. A political settlement for the rebel region will be the trickiest part of Lebed's peace mission as he has to reconcile rebel demands for total independence with an insistence by officials in Moscow that the region stay part of Russia. In the Chechen capital Grozny, a group of

rebels dropped in at a Russian checkpoint in the centre, shared out a watermelon and played with a kitten while a soldier sang songs. But both sides looked ill at ease in their strange new circumstances, introduced as part of the ceasefire brokered on Thursday by Lebed and rebel chief-of-staff Aslan Maskhadov. Some of the hundreds of thousands of refugees who have fled Grozny trickled back to see their ruined city, where the truce has largely held. Grozny was the scene of fierce fighting earlier this month when the rebels, seeking to overshadow Yeltsin's inauguration for a second term of office on August 9, seized much of the capital city three days before. They still control much of the town and have said they are determined not to give in. Amid the general calm, Interfax news agency said one Russian soldier was shot dead by a sniper and Russian positions came under fire 16 times. A plume of black smoke still hung over the city's oil plant, set ablaze in earlier fighting. "This was, perhaps, the quietest night in the last year and a half," Tass quoted an interior ministry spokesman as saying. Interfax said that at least 450 Russian soldiers had been killed in the August fighting and many were still missing.

Right wing: France soft on immigrants

PARIS (AP) - Pictures of riot police breaking down the doors of a church to drag away illegal African immigrants may have shocked the world, but some French think their government wasn't tough enough. The far-right National Front lashed yesterday at the government of Prime Minister Alain Juppe for what it called "complete buffoonery" in deciding to let some of the 220 undocumented aliens stay after all. "Does France still have the right to say if it welcomes foreigners?" Front spokesman Bruno Gollnisch asked on RTL radio. After nearly two months of government threats and hesitation, police on Friday fought their way through a crowd of protesters and hauled the immigrants

out of St. Bernard Church in northern Paris. Four were deported along with 49 other illegal immigrants the next morning. But the government said up to two-thirds of the group may receive at least temporary residence papers, and yesterday it released 51 women and 68 children. A Paris court that has examined 20 cases so far said yesterday that three would be granted papers while the others would still be considered illegal. Gollnisch criticized the partial release and said the government had set a precedent that would allow immigrants to avoid being quickly deported. "They must be administratively detained and retained until we have organized their expulsion," he said.

The National Front and some members of the government's ruling conservative majority have sought to blame France's crippling 12.5 percent unemployment on illegal immigration. Though opposition parties and activists have tried to vilify the government for the raid, a new poll showed the French evenly divided over the government's decision to forcibly remove them from the church. The daily *Le Monde* said yesterday that 46 percent of respondents approved of the government's action, while 46 percent disapproved. The survey by Ipsos, conducted for *Le Monde* and RTL radio also said 67 percent of those polled approved of deporting undocumented aliens on a case-by-case basis.

Mother Teresa improves Ruthless apartheid killer convicted

CALCUTTA (Reuters) - Mother Teresa scribbled short notes to doctors and well-wishers yesterday as she slowly improved in her fight against malaria and a faltering heart, doctors said. "She is a shade better compared to yesterday," Dr S.K. Sen told reporters at Calcutta's Woodlands Nursing Home where the 85-year-old Catholic nun has been under treatment since last week. Sen said Mother Teresa, who cannot speak because a tube has been inserted in her throat, was feeling well enough to scribble short letters and answer questions in writing. With a gentle wave of her hand Mother Teresa, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, blessed a group of visiting nuns from her Missionaries of Charity. Her religious order denied a rumor which swept through Calcutta yesterday that she had died.

PRETORIA (Reuters) - A white South African policeman who boasted that he was apartheid's most ruthless killer was found guilty of five murders yesterday to become the most senior servant of white rule yet to face justice. Eugene de Kock, 48, a former police colonel who commanded a ruthless hit-squad unit that killed opponents of apartheid, was found guilty of killing five black men including Tiso Leballo, a driver of Winnie Mandela, in 1992. His trial began shortly after President Nelson Mandela's election in April 1994 and revealed the depth of the ousted government's "Third Force" dirty tricks operation. Pretoria Supreme Court Judge Willem van der Merwe, who was aided throughout the two-year trial by two lay assessors, began his judgment by outlining the state's evidence against de Kock before ruling: "There is no doubt...A guilty finding must follow." Van der Merwe said he would

pronounce his verdict on three further murder charges and on numerous other counts of fraud, theft and attempted murder today. South Africa abolished the death penalty in June 1995, and the former colonel faces life imprisonment - commonly 25 years - on each murder charge. No date has been set for sentencing. De Kock had earlier in the case admitted to involvement in the murders of four men in a vehicle ambush in March 26, 1992, and to ordering the murder of Leballo a few days later. He had pleaded not guilty but even his own lawyers - before the trial was over - said the evidence against him was strong. "De Kock's plea is not guilty but we conceded on the state's evidence that he might be guilty of at least five of the eight murder charges," defense attorney Schalk Hugo told Reuters. A neatly-suited de Kock was relaxed throughout the first day of the judgment, calmly taking copious notes of the judge's findings and laughing with his lawyers during the court breaks. The trial has been one of the country's longest, with 92 witnesses called, 12,000 pages of evidence and 3,000 exhibits. It has provided a litany of the death and mayhem which formed part of the "old" South Africa. The accusations included massacres and random killings, attacks on township hostels and trains, car bombings, torture, beatings and vendettas against fellow police. Asked by lawyers at another trial, where he gave evidence, if he agreed he was the security forces' "most effective assassin", de Kock answered: "Yes, I would say that would be correct." That testimony helped convict three former colleagues in June of a bloody 1989 car-bombing and won him indemnity from prosecution for that trial. He has now applied to Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Truth and Reconciliation Commission for his own trial, requesting the amnesty it has the power to grant to those who committed human rights abuses but came clean.

Charles under fire over 'Queen Camilla' German court sentences neo-Nazi

LONDON (Reuters) - British heir to the throne Prince Charles found himself under attack yesterday as speculation mounted that he might try to win over a hostile public and marry his long-term mistress. Two days before his divorce from Princess Diana becomes final, Charles was criticized by church leaders and parliamentarians who saw he has no intention of ending his 26-year love affair with Camilla Parker Bowles. Publication yesterday of a picture of him spending the weekend with Parker Bowles and two other friends re-kindled speculation that he may try to persuade Britons to accept his mistress. "It is safe to say that for the time being, and perhaps for several years ahead, such a marriage would not be acceptable," said constitutional expert Lord Blake. "The real difficulty is that the concept of Queen Camilla will take a long time to seem right or proper to a large part of the nation which is still very sharply divided in its attitude to Princess Diana," Blake added. Charles said last year when Parker Bowles herself was divorced that he had no intention of marrying again. But yesterday bookmakers William Hill slashed the odds on re-marriage before the year 2000 to 2/1 from 5/1. Charles's relationship with Parker Bowles, 49, has dismayed many Britons who cannot understand how he could prefer the older, frumpy blonde to the glamorous, fashion-conscious Diana.

His standing as future king slumped in 1993 after publication of an phone conversation allegedly between the lovers in which Charles declared a wish to live inside Parker Bowles' trouser and be reincarnated as a tampon. Charles, 47, first met Parker Bowles in 1970 and according to tabloid press reports has thrown himself back into the relationship since starting divorce proceedings from Diana. He is recently said to have bought her a diamond ring, a horse and sent her daily bunches of red roses. Despite the obstacle of replacing Diana with Camilla, Charles as king would also be supreme governor of the Church of England, which frowns upon the re-marriage of divorcees. A *Sunday Telegraph* survey showed bishops were strongly against against Charles re-marrying, believing it would be difficult for Christians to tolerate. "Many Christians feel that a marriage once made cannot be ended, so remarriage is not possible. It would cause considerable unhappiness and bring tensions to the surface," said Bishop of Manchester Christopher Mayfield. The *Sun* newspaper yesterday said Camilla's loyalty and discretion - she has turned down huge offers for her story - had earned her the right to be queen. But the newspaper said it was too soon for Charles to "flaunt" Camilla. "Britain is not ready for Camilla stepping out on Charles's arm. In five years, maybe 10, it may be a different story."

ERFURT (AP) - One of Germany's most notorious neo-Nazis had his prison sentence extended yesterday when a court found him guilty of disturbing public peace, adding to a previous conviction. Thomas Dienel, 35, already had served 26 months in prison after appearing in a film broadcast on television, in which he claimed to be training armed groups to attack foreigners and their homes. A court in Erfurt yesterday handed down a cumulative sentence of three years and three months, meaning that Dienel will have to return to prison. Yesterday's conviction also stemmed from a 1992 broadcast in which Dienel boasted of heading an armed group training to attack not only foreigners, but leftists as well. Dienel also is a notorious Holocaust denier. Meanwhile, police in Stendal, eastern Germany, announced the arrests of four rightist extremists aged between 15 and 23.

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National seismograph

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman, to his great credit, firmly believes he must be the president of all the people. In this capacity, he has frequently served as an advocate for the "forgotten other half" in the halls of power. Under the previous government, for instance, Weizman repeatedly called for the peace process to be slowed down or even halted temporarily, even though he himself wholeheartedly supported it. The government, he said, was going too fast for the people; for the sake of national unity, it would be better to slow down the process and wait for the people to catch up with it.

to the prime minister," he snapped in his inimitable fashion, when asked at a press conference on Sunday whether he had really told Netanyahu he would meet Arafat without the prime minister's consent unless Netanyahu agreed to meet Arafat instead. Indeed, Weizman stressed at the press conference that any meeting between himself and Arafat would be set up only in coordination with Netanyahu's office, and that it would take place only at a time approved by the prime minister. This, of course, is as it should be. No government could conduct a coherent foreign policy if the president were to hold diplomatic meetings in blithe disregard of its wishes.



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The dangers of economic illusions

Should the shekel collapse like the Mexican peso, the disaster will be due to the failure of our economic establishment to recognize reality (perhaps because it pays for them not to). On the eve of the Yom Kippur War, our ruling elite stuck to a faulty military pre-conception. Today, our economic leaders hold faulty economic pre-conceptions, subscribing to illusions and lies that distort reality. Today as then, too many of them have a vested interest in preserving our sick system, and so chances of economic reform are dim.

DANIEL DORON

weaken its corrupt stranglehold. True, privatization justly acquired a bad name when it served as a device for transferring public assets to politically well-connected investors and their foreign allies who have never invested a dollar in these transactions, but received generous loans from Israeli banks, managed by the same oligarchy. Privatization's Orwellian meaning here enables ambitious and populist politicians like Labor's Shlomo Ben-Ami to avoid a rational discussion and to engage instead in name-

distract attention from our economy's cardinal problem: its inability to increase productivity to generate true growth. It stems from its distorted structure, which our economic leaders usually exploit. Those who warn against high interest rates, in the name of the common good, were curiously silent when the former government created a disastrous deficit and arranged a pension fund bailout that will surely finally ruin our ailing financial markets. Israelis do not expect much from politicians and economic leaders. But the plague of illusions and lies has also afflicted our civil service, which is supposed to be above political considerations. Our civil service has many devoted and capable people. But it seems that the tremendous power entrusted to them at a very early age and the ethos to which they subscribe have gone to their heads.

Monetary policy alone cannot curb inflation

calling in the good old Bolsheviki style, calling it "rapacious capitalism," "dogmatic liberalism," etc. Ben-Ami and his ilk are trying to build a constituency by inciting against reforms which will mostly benefit workers. PROMOTING UNREALISTIC preconceptions has become prevalent not only among politicians, but also among our movers and shakers. Take, for example, the great war over interest rates, which the media would have us believe will determine our economy's destiny. Proponents of high interest rates claim that with such a disastrous government deficit, only high interest rates can curb inflation. In principle, they are right. But in Israel, where over half our GNP is traded, and where high interest rates created a huge influx of hot money into Israel, which the Bank of Israel must convert into shekels, monetary policy alone cannot curb inflation.

The effort to keep the shekel's fluctuations within a downward sliding band can not long succeed in these circumstances. Should the band be breached, the consequences can be a peso-like collapse of the shekel. The fight over interest rates helps

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RELIGIOUS MORALITY

Sir, - On Kobi Medan's TV interview program of August 13, Chief Rabbi Lau once more showed himself to be a gentle, moderate and considerate religious leader. However, his responses to questions in regard to the disintegrating relationship between our religious and lay societies did little to dispel the feeling that the former is nothing more than a negative, self-serving burden on the country. Rabbi Lau reminded us of his pleas for moderation in the hate campaign which preceded Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's murder. However, in defense of the inaction of the religious leadership as a whole both before and after the murder, he could only note that this was also characteristic throughout the country. But aren't the thousands of rabbis our yeshivas produce supposed to be the teachers of morality, the leaders, the models? They also have the agency for effective action; do they not enjoy a commanding position in their congregations be-

CYPRUS VIOLENCE

Sir, - In analyzing the background to the recent outbreak of violence in Cyprus, your editorial of August 18 noted - and sympathized with - the Greek Cypriots' frustration over the international community's failure to bring any pressure to bear which would end the 22-year old Turkish occupation of North Cyprus. "It is hardly surprising that the anger of Greek Cypriots and their supporters boils over occasionally in demonstrations on the island. Neither is it surprising that the Turks react with the savagery typical of their traditional handling of Cyprus." If you exchange in this account the words "Greek Cypriots" for "Palestinians" and "Turks" for "Israelis," the result will be a description of the intifada outbreak - the kind of description which was denounced as "antisemitic" and worse in David Bar-Ilan's celebrated Eye on the Media. A more sober news item published in the same issue of The Jerusalem Post describes the Cyprus events as follows: "Greek Cypriot protesters stormed into the buffer zone and threw stones at the Turkish security forces, who responded with gunfire." If, in The Jerusalem Post's view, the Turkish forces' conduct constitutes "typical savagery," what does this judgment imply for the IDF, whose soldiers' similar conduct on numerous occasions resulted in more than a thousand Palestinian fatalities, including many children? Holon. ADAM KELLER

DANGEROUS LIES

Sir, - In a recent Yaron London program on TV Channel 2, MK Talleb A-Sanaa claimed that the Arabs of Eretz-Israel are descended from the ancient Canaanites, the early inhabitants of Eretz-Israel. And later, Channel 1 broadcast various deeds performed by our Arab neighbors at Sebastia, in Samaria, to demonstrate their descent from the Canaanites. Many of the Arabs living in Eretz-Israel are the children and grandchildren of migrants from Syria and other Arab lands, who were attracted to this part of the world some one hundred years ago by the economic prosperity which resulted from the arrival of the first Zionists. Others are not Arabs at all, but rather the descendants of Armenians and other Caucasians who came here in the past for various reasons. And still others are the descendants of Jews who were forced to convert to

BRILLIANT IDEA

Sir, - Sometimes I find it hard to agree with the views of Mayor Ehud Olmert, but this time I think his idea of building a tunnel under Bar-Ilan Street is a truly brilliant one. And I even have a suggestion how to finance the project said to cost \$17 million. Since the whole issue of closing the street originates with and is to the benefit of the haredim, they and only they are the ones who should foot the bill. From the extremely generous budget allocations they are already getting this year and will continue to get during the years that the project would be carried out, there should be no problem to take off the funds needed to satisfy their - and only their - demand. I, as a person already heavily taxed in this city, among others with a horrendously and unjustifiably high arnona bill, would certainly not be willing to foot the bill, and I am sure that I am not alone in this. So, if they want a tunnel to run under a carless Bar-Ilan Street, let them finance the construction of one. Jerusalem. ANNA LEVIN

NOT A FEAR TO FEAR

Islam a few generations ago. It is Sir, - In The Jerusalem Post of August 14, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani is quoted as saying that "Our main problem is the Israeli driver... to my sorrow, he doesn't fear the police or anyone else." The reason for this is that there is not much to fear. The Israeli driver has learned that he can speed at 120 km. per hour or more from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv and will virtually never be stopped by a police car. He has learned that there is virtually no enforcement of the law when it comes to tailgating, speeding, passing dangerously, etc. I witness many of these violations al-

ESTHER ABUTBOUL

most every time I get on the road, but I rarely see any police stopping violators. What is needed is not more quotes by our minister so that he can see his name in the newspaper, but lots of serious traffic enforcement. If hundreds of fines were given out every day on the roads of Israel, then Israeli drivers would learn that the police are finally serious about combating the number one killer in Israel. In the meantime, the average Israeli driver will continue to have nothing to fear. Jerusalem. RONALD KRONISH

Smiley's message

SHLOMO GAZIT

A few days ago I reread John Le Carre's The Secret Pilgrim, which was published in 1991. Coming to the last pages, I found Smiley's parting message, speaking to a class of young freshmen at the school of the British secret service. I could not help making a comparison and analogy with his words and our Middle Eastern reality. We are presently in the process of resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict, which is now 100 years old. In our case, as in the Soviet example which Smiley addressed, the political solution rests with man, and not through an ideological change in one side or the other. We see a fascinating similarity between the average Arab and the average Israeli; both are sick and tired of the ongoing, senseless struggle, of the heavy economic burden and painful bloodshed of conflict. The new set of personal priorities for both Israeli and Arab includes normalization, and a clear improvement in the individual's quality of life and standard of living, even if the price for this is political and ideological compromise. Just as Smiley asked whether he could trust the Russians, we too keep asking the same intriguing question - can we trust the Arabs, our enemies of yesterday? And again, in the words of Smiley, "my first answer is no. We shall never trust the Arabs, and I have two good reasons for saying so. My first is that I simply cannot believe that at the drop of a hat, from one day to the next, all the very valid arguments that have fed Arab hatred and political denial of Israel will disappear. Israel was regarded as an alien element in an Arab-Islamic Middle East. And, as long as the Arabs have not reached political and social stability, we may face drastic change in the policies or ideology of one or another of our Arab neighbors from one day to the next. It is our responsibility, we of the Israeli intelligence community, to safeguard national security. If we fail, if we fail to closely monitor the possibility of an Arab military threat, we shall be responsible for a totally impermissible negligence. We shall be like the "watchman [who] saw the sword coming and [did not] blow the trumpet, and the people were not warned ... his blood will [the Lord] require at the watchman's hand." (Ezekiel 33.6)

Yes, we can trust the Arabs. They are seeking peace

OUR SECOND answer, very much like Smiley's, is: Yes, we can trust the Arabs. They are seeking peace, not because they have fallen in love with Israel; peace has become an existential need for them. And peace with Israel will allow them to initiate a new and different agenda. They want and need peace with Israel to enjoy Israeli assistance in overcoming their own problems. The future Arab attitude toward Israel will very much depend on the kind of treatment they receive from us. It is our duty to help them for two reasons. The first is common decency. After 100 years of animosity and painful wars, after 30 years of an imposed Israeli military government on two million Palestinians, the least we can do for them is offer the means that will help them find their place in the world of tomorrow. The second is obvious. The Middle East spreads over an enormous area. We are dealing with an Arab population which is numbering some 200 million people. We shouldn't ignore this enormous potential. We have to choose between the Arab Middle East, with all its military might, as a hateful enemy, and a sincere attempt to integrate into this area, making it an active member in our modern and changing world. Thus we shall have to adjust our military power, and the modern and forceful state which we have built over the last 50 years, to the new challenges of the future. Israel had to give up too many liberties to survive as a sovereign state. It is time we retrieved these liberties. The writer is a former head of military intelligence.

The proper size of government

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

The Dole tax cut is being both promoted (by believers) and dismissed (by skeptics) as a supply-side tax cut. That means that it is expected to pay for itself. Cutting marginal tax rates is supposed to unleash such economic growth that it ends up bringing the taxman even more revenue at lower rates. I'm sure Jack Kemp believes this. I doubt Bob Dole does. I know I don't. Yet I think the Dole tax package is a splendid idea. You don't have to be a supply-sider to like tax cuts. Here's why. First, cutting taxes is the only certain answer to the bedeviling problem of wage stagnation. There is no other good answer because no one knows the cause. A tax cut obviously does not solve the stagnant wage problem. It simply counteracts it. Immediately, by instantly increasing disposable income. And by immediately addressing the wage issue, it also addresses the collateral social problem: the time squeeze on families. If your wages are not keeping up with the cost of living, you and your spouse must spend more time working, leaving less time for what's important. Americans on average pay the government, at all levels, 38 cents of every dollar earned in taxes. In some two-worker families, therefore, most of the earnings of the second worker, often a part-timer, essentially go to paying off taxes. In his acceptance speech in San Diego, Bob Dole pointed out that Americans work from January to May to pay the government, and only then are they free to work for themselves. It is a correct analogy, but a more striking image is this: The average American working 9 to 5 spends from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A tax cut is the most direct way to force a debate about the welfare state

working for the government. Three hours of indentured service every day. Slashing taxes is a way of giving part of those three hours back to you, either in cash or free time. That in itself is good. But good things cost. Non-supply-siders like me are willing to acknowledge that. But we firmly maintain that cutting government spending and with it government size, power, and intrusiveness is itself a good, indeed that it constitutes the second great attraction of cutting taxes. The beauty of a tax cut is that, by starving the beast, it forces the issue of government size and spending. A SUPPLY-SIDER like Kemp doesn't look at a tax cut in this way. He believes that it will pay for itself - and even if it doesn't, that deficits don't count. Luckily, however, we'd be electing Bob Dole president. He plays Yitzhak Rabin, hardheaded veteran, to Kemp's Shimon Peres, dreamer. Dole, now Kempified, must cut taxes. Dole, being Dole, will cut spending. Will that involve shaving Medicare and perhaps social security increases? Probably. Will

Dole admit to that during the campaign? No. Why should he? Everyone knows what has to be done with Medicare and social security, including President Clinton. In his own health-care plan, Clinton envisioned a small cut in rate of growth in Medicare funding. The Republicans proposed a slightly larger one. For that, Clinton pilloried them with great political success. Why should the Republicans immolate themselves twice in one year before a cynical opponent who believes as they do about Medicare but says the opposite? The chief philosophical difference between the two parties centers on their respective views of the proper size and role of the government. A tax cut is the most direct and serious way to force a debate about the size, structure, and function of the welfare state. It is also the most politically prudent. As the Republican 104th Congress learned to its chagrin in the great budget showdown, starting with spending cuts invites charges of heartlessness. Dole is offering the opposite tack, whittling away at the state by first cutting back its sustenance. The attractiveness of his offer lies in this: A tax cut enacted by a fairly good budget balancer carries a fairly good guarantee that spending cuts will follow. After Clinton's successful demolition of the Republican Congress for having dared broach the issue, a President Dole - pledged to a tax cut and playing to posterity - may be the only man who could yet do what everyone, including Clinton, knows has to be done. (Washington Post Writers Group)

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Five dancers and a duck

HELEN KAYE

THERE'S something about ducks that appeals to Sally Ann Friedland. It's not that they have any deep psychological significance. That isn't Friedland. They're "a trinket, a charm and people can think what they like," says the dancer-choreographer, of the wheeled duck that tumbles across the stage in *Collections* which opens at the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv on September 5.

As well as ducks, there are apples, trees, lettuce, women and fire. Fire begins and almost ends the piece which journeys through a woman's life, with stops along the way for childhood, growing up and out, courtship, dreams, discoveries, encounters and failure, always the failure from which you have to pick yourself up, and go on.

The name comes from the ideas "I've been collecting ever since I arrived here in 1976, but now seemed the right time to do the dance. I had ideas of what I wanted to say, but I had no idea that what would connect it all would be a gender issue. That came out in the work."

She grins, mischievously. "We're two sexes after all. We can be perfectly happy, independent women, but when a man shows that he likes us, or we like him, the balance changes. That's all there is really. The rest is games and intrigue. What fascinates me is the simple, and then what we do to complicate it."

As in her 1994 parody of beauty pageants, *Twelve Feet*, there's a deliberate ironic humor in *Collections* "because I can't show people without laughter, without opposites. There's always more than one facet to a perception. The trouble is, we're usually stuck with just the one." The perception of dancers is of willowy sylphs, or handsome prince-types. Friedland's dancer's come in all shapes, sizes and abilities "because that's how people are, and that's what I wanted." She has five women and two men, neither of whom are dancers. Adrian Schwartzstein is basically an actor and Zohar Markman is a martial arts expert and a fire juggler. The women range from dance students to professionals.

As for herself, Friedland at 43 is still a willowy sylph. Arriving from her native South Africa she quickly made a name for herself as a company and solo performer, especially with Rina Schenfeld and choreographer Tami Ben-Ami whom she credits with "helping me to discover my own dance language, and making me aware of the drama of dance."

In 1985 she won a David's Lyre as dancer of the year and three years ago, in addition to her well received solo *Recital*, she won first prize at the International Video Dance Competition in France for *Conversations in the First Person*. Since then she has basically disappeared from the stage as a performer. She danced



The characters in 'Collections' are willowy sylphs. (Gadi Dagon)

briefly two years ago when *Aida* came to the Israel Festival, but "I stopped because I needed to look in other directions." Her first, and successful, choreography was the 1990 *19 Dov Hoz*. Since then she has chore-

graphed movement for the New Israeli Opera, and created *Little Boxes* for a Ukrainian youth group. She also began to study Judaism, is still learning and believes "that I couldn't have created this program if I hadn't taken

this time out for myself." She's been working on the piece for six months, and "every time I got stuck I had conversations with myself, like 'what do you want?' or 'stop trying to be interesting. Just say it cleanly.'"

Pretty Petty still raw and emotional

She's the One Sound Track TOM PETTY & THE HEARTBREAKERS (Red Artzt)

DESPITE its being labeled a soundtrack, this is for all intents and purposes, a Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers record. You won't find the usual hodgepodge of a couple of great songs, some mediocre ones, instrumental filler and dialogue sound bites.

Just 16 tracks (two performed twice in different styles) by master craftsman Petty and his equally masterful band. And the news gets even better. Petty manages to synthesize the styles of his last few records into a cohesive whole, that trim the flab and accentuate the strengths of this veteran all-American.

Over a 13 year period beginning in 1976, Petty & the Heartbreakers forged a powerful sound that captured a solid following among followers of Springsteen/Segar-style meat and potatoes rock & roll. Drawing on Anglo-rock, new wave and r&b influences, they played meaningful mainstream guitar

rock without once ever sounding generic. All that changed in 1989 with the megasuccess of Petty's first solo album, "Full Moon Fever", by far the most pop-oriented release of his career. That trend continued with the next band release "Into the Great Wide Open". "Wildflowers", his second solo album released in 1994, saw Petty tone down the sound and the tempos, with a folksy, melancholy batch of songs. One constant throughout his career has been the level of the songwriting. Petty could probably write hit songs in his sleep, and this talent, combined with one of the best ensembles in rock, has produced consistently excellent work over a 20 year span. This tradition is kept intact on "She's the One". By the looks of the pictures on the cover, the film appears to be a yuppie romantic comedy geared to the *Seinfeld-Friends* crowd. However Petty and company leave all that behind and do what they do best.

Produced by Rick Rubin, who also handled the reins for "Wildflowers", "She's the One" contains the pop of "Full Moon Fever", the folk of "Wildflower" and the grittiness of the early Heartbreakers. The disk's (and the film's) centerpiece "Walls", is given two treatments - a produced version subtitled "Circus" and a rougher take called "No. 3". Both display the sheer professionalism and record making machine that Petty has evolved into, while still capturing the raw emotion of his earlier work. The other song performed twice, "Angel Dream" is one of the prettiest acoustic tunes Petty has ever composed. There are a few songs that seem pieced together or less than inspired, like "Zero from Outer Space" and "Climb That Hill" whose melancholy tone slips into listlessness. However, those are the exceptions on what is on the whole, an immensely enjoyable disk, and one that any Petty fan should

be proud to own. A special treat is a song called "Hung Up and Overdue" which perhaps, in tribute to guest drummer Ringo Starr, is a dead ringer for a Beatles track, and far better than either of the two Fab Four creations they released last year.

SUMMERTIME BLUES The August drought in new releases has hit this column hard. One industry insider explained that record companies usually pass over August because many people vacation in the summer, hear songs in the discos and clubs and go home to search out that material. Thus, releasing anything new in August would mean competing against themselves for sales. However, following a summer filled with monotonous dance tracks, neo-60s and 70s wannabes and disposable pop, the companies are readying their big guns for fall releases. Expect in the next few weeks, new albums by R.E.M., Pearl Jam, Sneede, Nirvana (live), and Counting Crows.

An Israeli gentleman in Verona

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

POET and opera librettist Israel Eliraz spent the first few days of July in Verona - the summer Mecca of opera lovers from all over the world, the place where the greatest singers and conductors gather in order to perform the staple 19th century operatic repertoire in the glorious open-air arena. But although Eliraz did manage to see the opening night of Franco Zeffirelli's production of *Carmen* conducted by Israeli maestro Daniel Oren, that was not the main reason for his visit.

Eliraz was invited to come to Verona by Federico Mayor, the director general of UNESCO. Eliraz together with 19 other poets and 20 musicians were in Verona to inaugurate the International Institution for Opera and Poetry. After his return Eliraz recalled that "it was a very special experience to spend three days in Verona, a city which breathes opera 24 hours a day."

The mayor of the city is doing all she can to develop the city and she is very interested in this new institution. She helped considerably in creating the political, economic and budgetary necessities for the institution. She wants to

see Verona as the center of modern opera and poetry in the world. "Yes, modern opera, not just traditional Verdi, Rossini and Puccini, but something new and different too. "The major question asked in Verona was whether opera as a genre still has a right to exist at the end of the 20th century," said Eliraz. "And among us it was very clear that we should discuss how much opera as an art form still wants, and then actually can continue its so called traditional, or maybe not-so-traditional existence."

The main goal of the new institution is to create the right environment for musicians and poets to write new operas and carry the tradition into the 21st century. "Both the institution and the city will enable the creation of a studio to which composers, poets and theater folk from all over the world will be invited so that they will be able to create new works that will be presented in a special festival in Verona, which will not be part of the familiar summer festival."

A special artistic committee will choose the specific projects and will invite the creators to Verona to finalize their work each year. "In this way it will be possible to build a new operatic repertoire." THE MEETINGS in Verona were the first necessary step in the long road to the actual opening of the institution. Eliraz believes "that within a year, all the economical frameworks will be set and the new institution will be able to function on a regular basis. Until then a steering committee will decide about the various artistic



Israel Eliraz: Looking to opera's future.

Contest for young opera singers

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

IN 1994, renowned tenor Placido Domingo embarked on a new venture, an opera singers' competition carrying his name. The first competition entitled *Operaalia*, World Opera Contest Placido Domingo, took place in Mexico City, and last year's event was hosted in Madrid. The third *Operaalia* will take place at the end of the year in Bordeaux. *Operaalia* is open to singers younger than 33. The best 40 applications will be invited to Bordeaux to participate in the final stages of the competition, which will be divided into three parts. The selected singers will perform two arias accompanied by piano. The jury, headed by Domingo himself, will then select about 20 singers to continue one stage further when again they will have to sing two more arias, accompanied by piano. In the final stage, 10 singers will perform with the National Orchestra Bordeaux. Prize money totals \$175,000.

ways in which the institution should operate. The steering committee will be headed by Daniel Oren. He was unanimously chosen, everybody adores him in Verona." Another important part of the new institution will concentrate on translations. According to Eliraz, "Every work written in a language which is not spoken worldwide will be immediately translated by professionals who will be invited to Verona where they will work with the original authors. "Language will not be a barrier in talking opera to the next century." Apart from that, the institution will also have its own video library in which anyone interested will be able to find all relevant material about opera in the 20th century. Among the opera people invited to take part in the initial meetings in Verona were Oren, Zeffirelli, Gianfranco De Bosio (the artistic director of the Arena di Verona), and soprano Cecilia Gasdia who recently sang in Israel.

Russian romanticism meets local pop

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

REMEMBER the three tenors? No, not those three Latin superstars who make millions of dollars a year, but rather the three blue and white tenors. Two: Dudu Fisher and Gabi Sade, have impressive international careers. The third one, Evgeny Shapovalov is only just embarking on his yellow brick road to success. And these days, Shapovalov, who last summer appeared in front of thousands of Israelis in our own version of the *Three Tenors*, is releasing his first solo disc. And it is not opera arias, quite the contrary. It is a disc of popular Russian romances sung in Hebrew and a few Israeli songs.

Why would a tenor who immigrated to Israel from the former Soviet Union five years ago record Russian songs in Hebrew? Shapovalov has a very clear and obvious answer: "If I sing in Russian only Russians will enjoy it. And as I now understand the words in Hebrew and can sing decently in the language there is no reason to record it in the original. This is a disc for a much wider audience." That said, the 28 year old tenor also contemplates doing another disc, this time in Russian.

Shapovalov has been working on the disc for almost four years. "Soon after I came to Israel, I got these songs translated into Hebrew by Avi Arnon. But I really didn't understand the language at all, so there was no point in singing them at the time." The reason for the new disc, titled *Mists of Love*, is "to show that opera singers can sing in various styles. I'm not trying to sing this like an opera singer, quite the contrary, I'm singing it just as I feel these songs in my heart."

Shapovalov recalls that when he started to listen to music in his new home he realized that "Eastern music and Israeli popular music are very similar to the music I knew from my homeland. When I came here, I lived in Maale Gamla by the Kinneret, and the very first song I actually heard here was Rachel's *Ve'ulai* ("Could It Be").

"At once, I realized that there is a lot of connection between these 150 year old Russian romances and the music of Israel. And after all, Rachel and Yehuda Sharret who compose the song, were originally from Russia. And it's obvious that material. Thus, releasing anything new in August would mean competing against themselves for sales. However, following a summer filled with monotonous dance tracks, neo-60s and 70s wannabes and disposable pop, the companies are readying their big guns for fall releases. Expect in the next few weeks, new albums by R.E.M., Pearl Jam, Sneede, Nirvana (live), and Counting Crows.

that he himself is never happy with what he does he does believe that the new disc "is definitely a milestone. It is a kind of a beginning. Obviously by now I already sing those songs better than on the disc, but that is natural." And, he adds that "I have many ideas to continue in this way, I really like to sing in the style." Shapovalov actually sings in many so called "popular" styles, he has even performed with rock group *Ethnix*.

At the same time he also sings minor and major roles in operas in Italian and Czech. The new disc features fourteen numbers. Most are the Russian romances "which were very popular at the time and sung by everyone in salons and on other social occasions." And then there are a few Israeli songs by the likes of Yaacov Shabtai, Abraham Shlonski and others. And of course *Ve'ulai*, the only item on the disc recorded four years ago.

In order to launch the new disc, Shapovalov embarks on a series of local concerts. "The second part of the concert will focus on material from the disc with a little bit more Russian and Israeli songs like, for example, songs by Aviv Gefen - whom I admire. Actually I think Gefen and Arzani Duchin are the two greatest composers we have here. They are very different, but both are great. I believe Duchin is our new Sasha Argov."

The first part of the concert will be more classically-oriented featuring Neapolitan songs, opera arias and selections from musicals. Shapovalov will be joined by soprano Larisa Tatiev and accompanied by a quartet comprising of piano and three violins. "Everybody will find something he likes in the program. It's just like the *Three Tenors* concerts, it's a show with various styles which is appealing to all musical tastes."

Evgeny Shapovalov closes a very important circle this coming Saturday as he performs in Beit Gabriel by the Kinneret.

Five years ago, he gave his very first concert in Israel by the Kinneret, with Sarah Sharon. Now he is back by the sea he loves so much. "I just cannot survive without the Kinneret. If two weeks pass by and I'm not there, I feel really bad. It has become part of me." And when he sings *Veulai* by the Kinneret, Shapovalov will realize that one circle in his life has reached its conclusion - and probably that another one is just opening the first concert in Tel Aviv, on September 5 in Zavit.

The Prodigy from Britain raves on

DANCE and rave icons The Prodigy return to Israel tonight for a show at Hangar 11 at the Tel Aviv port. And according to anyone who was at their first appearance here last April, they are not to be missed. The British quartet has sold over three million records, won awards from MTV, and collected a worldwide cache of fans with their energetic, rock inspired dance raves. Formed in 1991 by main-man

Liam Howlett with MC Maxim Reality, and dancers Leeroy Thornhill and Keith Flint, the multi racial band has released two albums and just completed their third. A first single "Firestarter" was released this summer and caught the dance world by a storm, sitting at number one in England for over three weeks. For those brave enough to attend, be prepared for an audio and visual overload. David Brinn

TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

THIS LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON CHARTS	ARTIST	TITLE
#1	1	V/A	HITMAN 7 COLLECTION
#2	2	RITA	TWO
#3	4	SHLOMO ARTZI	NOV 34
#4	8	V/A	THE LETTER
#5	3	AVIV GEFEN	TRANSPORTING
#6	6	SOUND TRACK	THE BEST OF ISRAEL
#7	10	V/A	BIG LOVE
#8	RE	1	JAGGED LITTLE PILL
#9	7	23	TOP POP 96 VOL. 3
#10	NEW	1	OLDER
#11	5	16	BACK TO SHABLUL
#12	11	4	THE SCORE
#13	9	11	YOUR LIFE IN A LAFA
#14	17	6	POP
#15	22	11	

Tower Records' top-selling albums for last week

Tel Hai's night at the races

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

FIVE young pianists played Sunday night in the gala event of the Tel Hai piano master classes. The most interesting feature was the fact that the pianists were much more at home when playing slow, serene and complicated movements than fast ones, which at times turned into grotesque races.

Marc Verter was too jumpy when playing fast movements from Bartok's Suite op. 14. Renana Gutman had problems when playing the first movement from Chopin's First Piano Concerto although she is an able musician. And even Mexico's Alejandro Vela - the best and most mature pianist on hand - suffered in the opening and closing movements of Shostakovich's First

Piano Concerto. But he showed real dramatic and musical presence throughout and although not mature enough for such a powerful opus, Vela suggested that here is pianist one would like to hear more often. Most intriguing was Finland's Mirka Vitala, who played the second movement from Chopin's First Piano Concerto with grace, nobility and clan, showcasing a mature reading of the score. But once she moved to the third, faster movement, she banged too much on the piano and forgot the real style of the piece. In time she might feel more secure with faster movements too,

but on this occasion her schizophrenic playing suggested uncontrolled nerves as well as a problem in generating an overall concept for the concerto. The concert could have been a much more festive occasion had it been played in a hall that is better suited to classical music and not at the Suzanne Dellal Center, where the acoustics are of poor quality. Neither was the Ashdod Chamber Orchestra under Luis Gorelik ready for the occasion. The musicians played in a very sloppy manner and Gorelik did not manage to really accompany the young pianists, who at this point need as much help from the man on the podium as possible. Suzanne Dellal Center, Tel Aviv, August 25

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1996

Banks reduce prime rate to 17.3%

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE leading commercial banks yesterday said they will reduce the prime lending rate to 17.3 percent on Thursday, following the Bank of Israel's decision to reduce its short-term lending rate by 0.5 percentage points.

Bank Leumi was the first to announce the reduction, followed by Bank Hapoalim, Bank Discount, United Mizrahi Bank and First International Bank. They said no change is expected in the other interest components.

Manufacturers Association president Dan Propper said the reduction is "a small, though insufficient," step in the right direction. He called on the central bank to reduce interest by yet another 2%, "so as to prevent a further slump in the capital market, in exports and in the economy in general." The economy, he said, is suffering from a period of instability, reflected in a growing current-account deficit, a capital-market crisis and artificial movements in the foreign currency market.

Chambers of Commerce Association president Danny Gillerman said the central bank's monthly changes of rates create more uncertainty in the economy. The Bank of Israel would have been better off leaving rates unchanged rather than surprise the markets with frequent, small-scale rate changes, he said.

Meridor: Economy slowing down, but far from recession

EVELYN GORDON

THE economy is experiencing a slowdown right now, but is far from a recession, Finance Minister Dan Meridor told the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday.

"There is no doubt there has been a slowdown in the past few months," he told reporters after the meeting.

However, he stressed, slower growth does not mean a recession.

Just a few days ago, the Central Bureau of Statistics predicted 3.5%-4% growth this year, he said.

While this is not the rapid pace of the previous few years, when growth reached 6%-7%, it is still quite respectable, he noted.

Unfortunately, he continued, the slowdown has so far not affected consumption, which the government would like to see curbed. Instead, it has been mainly evident in areas such as

exports.

The government hopes to increase growth again by a policy of widespread privatization and liberalization, but this will take time, he added.

"Policy is measured over the long term," he said.

Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel added that the previous high growth had been to some extent artificial, fueled largely by consumption and excess borrowing.

"The slowdown shows that part of the recent growth was unsustainable," he said.

Regarding the capital markets, Meridor said these could no longer be considered in crisis, since the government's intervention in the bond markets succeeded in stabilizing them somewhat.

"But there is no doubt the cap-

ital markets require a much more fundamental reform," he added, stressing it was foolish to think there was any one simple solution.

MKS from across the political spectrum said they came out of the meeting feeling that Meridor and Frenkel have some sharp disagreements as to the scope of the central bank's powers.

Meridor stressed that the government is the sole arbiter of economic policy, while Frenkel insisted that his role as the government's economic adviser requires him to express an opinion on a wide range of economic issues - issues which most central bank governors, whose mandate does not include this dual role, would never touch.

However, the two men themselves flatly denied any disagreement.

"There were no differences of opinion," Meridor said.

"There was complete agreement," he said. "I said overall responsibility rests with the government, since that's the elected body, and the governor said exactly the same thing."

"I didn't hear any disagreements between me and the finance minister regarding the interpretation of the Bank of Israel Law," agreed Frenkel, saying Meridor had stressed the division of authority between the government and the central bank and the need for the latter to be independent. "The finance minister and I see eye to eye on these things."

However, he stressed, his position as the government's economic adviser not only permits him to express an opinion on everything from budgetary policy to the Trans-Israel Highway, it obligates him to do so.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Hilton chain to run Beersheba hotel: The Hilton Hotel chain yesterday signed an agreement with Elad Hotels to run a hotel in downtown Beersheba. The hotel, which will include 262 rooms and suites, will have conference rooms, restaurants, a health club and a pool.

Construction began in 1994, and the \$36 million hotel is expected to open at the end of the year. It is expected to serve mainly businessmen pursuing projects in the developing industrial regions of the Negev.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Peretz says real number of foreign workers here is 400,000: Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz yesterday estimated that the number of foreign workers in the country is around 400,000, and not the 200,000 cited in official reports.

Peretz was speaking during a meeting at which Binyamin Gonen of the Histadrut executive expressed shock over the proposal by Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai to set up camps for foreign workers who would later be deported. Peretz agreed, saying the plan "is an inhumane solution" which would seriously damage Israel's image abroad.

Itim

MCI signs key US wireless strategy pact: MCI Communications Corp. said yesterday it has reached a 10-year deal with NextWave Telecom Inc. that thrusts MCI into the top tier of US wireless communications providers.

Under terms of the deal, MCI said it will connect its network to a system planned by NextWave to provide wireless personal communications services, giving it the capacity to offer service to more than 110 million individuals in 63 areas, including 29 of the top 50 markets. Washington-based MCI said it will buy at least 10 billion minutes of capacity for its personal communications services from NextWave over 10 years. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Reuter

US, Russia give UN plan for Mideast development bank

DAVID HARRIS

THE United States and Russia yesterday deposited plans for the Mideast development bank with the United Nations.

The only element preventing the bank's final go-ahead is the appropriation of \$52.5 million by the US Congress.

While the Senate authorized the transfer of funds earlier this month, there has been considerable opposition to the move by Congressmen who argue the funding should come out of the existing civilian aid to the Middle East.

The decision whether to appropriate the first of five annual payments has to be made before September 30, the end of the US

financial year.

An international transition team of 10 people will oversee the final preparations for the opening of the Cairo-based bank, which will fund major cross-border infrastructure projects in the region.

The team, which will be headed by a US appointee, will also include an Israeli, likely to be either a Bank of Israel representative or Foreign Ministry assistant director general for economic Oded Eran. Its members have been charged with finding a suitable location and staff recruitment, which are likely to take 12

months to organize.

The bank is one of three regional organizations, together with the Regional Business Council and the Middle East Travel and Tourism Agency, being set up following the Casablanca and Amman economic summits held in 1994 and 1995.

Funding, if approved by Congress, will include 21% from the US, 9% from Japan and 6% from Russia. The major local partners in the bank - the Palestinian Authority, Jordan, Egypt and Israel - each have 4% of the bank's \$5 billion worth of equity capital.

Of the \$5b., \$1.25b. is paid-up capital.

Bank Discount profits up 47%

Oil Refineries moves into the red, loses NIS 17.2 million

COMPANY RESULTS

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

BANK Discount completed the second quarter with a 46.9 percent growth in net profits to NIS 71.6 million from NIS 48.8m. in the corresponding period last year.

Management said the rise in earnings was mainly due to the difference in the gap of the actual and known Consumer Price Index between the two periods.

Net return on equity on an annual basis reached 7.3%. The board of directors declared an interim cash dividend of NIS 35m. at its meeting yesterday.

Net profit in the first half of the year fell 3.6% to NIS 134.6m. from NIS 139.7m. The decline was influenced mainly by the directives of the supervisor of banks to limit risks.

This involved, among others, the banks setting aside an additional provision which management said reduced net income by NIS 26.4m., compared with only NIS 1.7m. in the same period last year.

The additional provision was

partly offset by a drop in the provision for taxes to NIS 184.7m. from NIS 216.1m. in the first half of last year.

Oil Refineries Ltd., Israel's third-largest company, lost NIS 17.19m. in the second quarter, compared with a net profit of NIS 18.92m. in the corresponding period last year, the state-owned company yesterday said.

Net profits in the first six months of the year shrunk to NIS 8.23m. from NIS 51.1m. in the same period last year.

Chairman of the board of directors Ilan Biran blamed the loss on the continued crisis in oil prices on world markets.

As a result of government policy, Oil Refineries is almost totally exposed to the fluctuating international oil market.

Management said the loss was also due to the unrealistic price of crude oil, which is determined by the government.

According to the company, crude oil prices are currently \$2-\$3 per ton lower than world prices, causing the company damage of between \$20m. and \$30m. each year.

Israel Chemicals Ltd., the company's largest chemical group, yesterday reported a turnaround in earnings, to a net profit of \$24.8m. from a net loss of \$32.2m. in the corresponding period last year.

Net profits in the first six months rose to \$39.2m., compared with a net loss of \$22.1m. in the same period last year. Management said the significant improvement stemmed from 1995's recovery program.

The improvement was also attributed to a rise in prices in most of the products the group manufactures and the purchase of two chemical companies, the German BKL Ladenburg and the US-based Clearon.

Management said these purchases led to a 34% growth in sales and doubled the group's operating profits.

Sharon blasts plan for PWD layoffs

DAVID HARRIS

NATIONAL Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon has intervened on behalf of the Public Works Department, after the Finance Ministry told the PWD to fire 350 workers from its staff of 980 as part of the public sector budget cuts.

Sharon said on Sunday he will not allow the redundancies to be implemented wholesale.

He told the PWD he is holding a series of talks with the Treasury aimed at averting the measure.

This is the latest in a series of disputes since Finance Minister Dan Meridor informed the PWD its 1997 budget would be NIS 1.375 billion, a decrease in real terms from NIS 1.340b. this year considering the expected 13-percent inflation rate in 1996.

Sharon is proposing that 85 staff members be laid off in the next financial year. Some would be of pensionable age and others, aged over 60, would be offered good retirement conditions.

Meanwhile, the PWD wants to continue its planned road building scheme according to its preferential list, beginning new projects while others are being completed.

However, according to a Finance Ministry source, the Treasury is suggesting the PWD complete projects before progressing with the next batch.

The PWD workers committee has agreed to abide by Sharon's request not to consider industrial action while he is negotiating with the Treasury.

WorldCom to acquire MFS for \$14 billion

NEW YORK (Reuter) - WorldCom Inc. said yesterday it will acquire MFS Communications Co. Inc. in a stock swap worth at least \$14 billion, creating a giant international business communications company.

The combined company, to be called MFS WorldCom, will provide "a single source for a full range of local, long distance, Internet and international service over an advanced fiber optic net-

work." Worldcom said in a statement.

The merged company will have current annualized revenue of about \$5.4b., with more than 500,000 business customers throughout North America, Europe and Asia.

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Swiss franc	2.9157	2.6579	2.57	2.70	1.8533
Swedish krona	0.4735	0.4812	0.46	0.49	0.4769
Norwegian krona	0.4872	0.4881	0.47	0.51	0.4807
Denish krona	0.5469	0.5549	0.53	0.57	0.5409
Finland mark	0.5953	0.7098	0.68	0.72	0.7005
Canadian dollar	2.2749	2.5042	2.22	2.35	2.2921
Australian dollar	2.4844	2.5042	2.42	2.54	2.4937
S. African rand	1.0336	0.8979	0.82	0.70	0.8215
Belgian franc (10)	0.6668	0.6979	0.62	1.06	1.0315
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9979	1.0402	1.00	3.08	3.0187
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Jordanian dinar	4.3300	4.6300	4.33	4.63	4.3327
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ECU	3.9579	4.0319	4.85	5.20	3.9998
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Two-Sided Index
Maof Index
Stocks dropped yesterday amid disappointment at the central bank's announcement that it would cut its benchmark interest rate by only half a point.

Leading the market lower were such prominent companies as Koor Industries, down 2.75 percent; Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, off 2%; and Bank Hapoalim, down 2.5%.

"I don't think that even with 0.75% the market would have risen," said Guy Tzidon, portfolio manager with BLT Securities. "Maybe above 1%, we have a short phase in which the market would rise, but in the long term there's not much change here."

The Maof Index fell 1.22% to 184.98, while the Two-Sided Index eased 0.88% to 174.38. Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 56.8m. worth of shares traded, 7.9% less than the month's daily average of NIS 61.7m.

Weaker dollar depresses European markets

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP
LONDON (Reuters) - The dollar ended European trading sharply down against the mark and yen yesterday with the markets nervous over Tokyo's monetary direction ahead of a key Japanese economic survey due this week.

The dollar at the close had slipped by nearly a penny and a yen compared with Friday's levels in dealings that were subdued because British markets were shut for a seasonal holiday.

Dow falls on fear of higher rates

WALL STREET WEEK
NEW YORK (AP) - Stock prices fell yesterday in sympathy with bonds, amid concerns that mounting economic strength might prod interest rates higher.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 28.85 points to close at 5,693.89. Traders and analysts described a typical late-summer session, with many market players out on vacation and remaining investors groping for something upon which to hang their trades.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

Currency cross-rates table showing rates for MARK, STERLING, YEN, SFR, and FFY.

SPORTS

Coetzer shocks Huber at US Open

NEW YORK (AP) - South African Amanda Coetzer shocked sixth-seeded Anke Huber as the US Open, embroiled in controversy, began its two-week run on the hardcourts of the National Tennis Center.

Huber was the second seeded player to tumble from the women's singles draw. No. 12 Magdalena Maleeva, the youngest of three tennis-playing sisters from Bulgaria, fell to qualifier Aleksandra Olse of Poland 6-4, 6-2.

Coetzer, who was seeded here in 1994 when she reached the quarter-finals, defeated her German opponent 6-1, 2-6, 6-2. Last year, the little 5-foot-2 blonde had a bad draw, losing in the first round to eventual champion Steffi Graf one tournament after she had upset the world's top-ranked player.

Other seeded players playing opening matches had no such problems. No. 13 Brenda Schultz-McCarthy of the Netherlands overpowered Japan's Nana Miyagi 6-1, 6-4 and No. 16 Martina Hingis of Switzerland, playing on Stadium Court, demolished Spain's Angeles Montolio 6-1, 6-0.

Wimbledon finalist MaliVai Washington won his first-round match, stopping Karim Alami of Morocco 6-4, 2-6, 7-(7-5), 6-1. Michael Stich, runnerup here two years ago but unseeded this

year, defeated fellow German Tommy Haas 6-3, 1-6, 6-1, 7-5; Sweden's Kenneth Carlsson downed Patrick Rafter of Australia 7-6(9-7), 6-3, 7-6(8-6); Spain's Sergi Bruguera stopped Kris Gossens of Belgium 6-2, 6-0, 7-6(7-1); and Carlos Moya of Spain ousted Scott Humphries of the US, 6-1, 6-7(3-7), 6-7(1-7), 6-0, 6-4.

American Jeff Tarango advanced when Romanian Alex Radulescu retired with heat exhaustion while trailing 6-7(5-7), 6-4, 6-1, 3-1.

The tournament began without its No. 7 seed in the men's singles - French Open champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov - as a result of a decision by the US Tennis Association to stray from the ATP Tour computer rankings.

"I was shocked when I saw what they did to me," said Kafelnikov, who is ranked fourth in the world, three places above his seeding. "I deserve to be seeded No. 4. I won a Grand Slam tournament and consider myself a good hardcourt player.

Also threatening to pull out of the tournament in protest was Thomas Muster, who is ranked No. 2 in the world but dropped to No. 3 in the seedings behind American Michael Chang.

"Players fight all year to earn their rankings and seedings," said Muster.

SCOREBOARD

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER - Last night's game: Leeds 1, Wimbledon 0.

Logrones turns down Berkowitz

EYAL Berkowitz is returning to Maccabi Haifa. After a tryout and extended negotiations with Logrones, Berkowitz was told by the Spanish first division side his services would not be required.

The talented midfielder is included in the 20-man national squad, and should play in the World Cup qualifying match against Bulgaria on Sunday at the National Stadium, Ramat Gan.

County Championship results

Results on the final day of Sunday English County Championship cricket matches yesterday:

At Trent Bridge: Match abandoned as a draw - rain. Nottinghamshire 446-9 declared and 53-0. Surrey 128-4 declared (A. Brown 56 not out). Nottinghamshire 8 points, Surrey 7.

At Worcester: Match drawn. Warwickshire 310 and 162-4 declared. Worcestershire 205-9 declared (K. Spink 52, A. Giles 3-12) and 164-4 (P. Weston 52). Worcestershire 8 points, Warwickshire 10.

At Headingley: Match drawn. Yorkshire 529-8 declared (C. White 181, R. Blakey 109 not out, M. Moxon 66, M. Vaughan 57). Lancashire 323 (N. Fairbrother 86, M. Watkinson 64; D. Gough 4-53) and 231-7 (N. Speak 77, N. Fairbrother 55; D. Gough 4-48). Yorkshire 11 points, Lancashire 8.

At Leicester: Match drawn. Leicestershire 353. Hampshire 117 (G. Parsons 4-36) and 135-9. Leicestershire 11 points, Hampshire 7.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire beat Sussex by 6 wickets. Sussex 389 and 112. Northamptonshire 361 and 142-4. Northamptonshire 24 points, Sussex 8.

Collated weekend results in the 21st round of Australian Football League (AFL) Australian Rules football:

Collingwood 24.9 (153) def. Adelaide 14.12 (96) West Coast 24.7 (151) def. Melbourne 11.12 (78) Richmond 28.19 (187) def. Fitzroy 3.6 (36) Brisbane Bears 10.11 (71) def. Fremantle 10.10 (70) Carlton 13.18 (96) def. Footscray 9.12 (66) Essendon 14.16 (100) def. Sydney Swans 12.10 (82) Hawthorn 12.8 (80) def. St. Kilda 9.9 (63) Geelong 16.13 (109) def. North Melbourne 14.12 (96)

Mantle has monument in Yankee Stadium

NEW YORK (AP) - It was May 30, 1956, and 9-year-old Billy Crystal watched in awe as Mickey Mantle blasted a home run off the right-field facade at Yankee Stadium.

"That day," Crystal said. "I knew I wanted to play baseball. I wanted to be Mickey Mantle."

Crystal's story was just one of thousands shared among fans of Mantle on Sunday as the New York Yankees unveiled a red granite monument to honor the Hall of Fame slugger, who died last year.

On a picture postcard afternoon, Joe DiMaggio, Whitey Ford, Phil Rizzuto and more than 50,000 fans packed Yankee Stadium to honor Mantle, just like they had on June 8, 1969, for the first "Mickey Mantle Day."

The famed ballpark was decked out for

the occasion. A white 7, Mantle's number, was spray painted on the grass along the first- and third-base lines. The video scoreboard in right-center field showed replays of some of Mantle's great moments, and as the ceremony began the center-field scoreboard read simply: At Bat: 7.

In addition, a commemorative baseball - adorned with a facsimile of Mantle's uniform and signature - was used during the Yankees' game against the Oakland Athletics. The only other time such a ball was used was when Baltimore's Cal Ripken broke Lou Gehrig's consecutive games streak last year.

Mantle's monument is the fourth to be erected by the Yankees and the first in 47 years. The five-foot, 4,500-pound monument made of granite mined in Finland, sits behind the three other permanent

monuments for legendary Yankees manager Miller Huggins, Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth.

Mantle had already been enshrined with a plaque along with 15 other members of the Yankees family. Monuments are reserved for Yankees who have passed away; a place has already been set aside of DiMaggio.

More than 2,500 fans patiently waited out long lines before the pregame ceremony to get a sneak preview of the monument before its official unveiling. After veering left at the three other monuments, fans paused at the stone to take photos and read the inscription: Mickey Mantle "A Great Teammate" 1931-1995.

Below a brief rundown of Mantle's many baseball accomplishments, including 536 home runs and three MVP awards, the

stone reads: "A Magnificent Yankee who left a legacy of Unequaled Courage."

Dave Oliver, a lifelong Yankees fan from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., brought his 10-year-old son, Jason, and 7-year-old daughter, Rachael, to see history.

"I was here the night before he hit No. 500," Oliver, 41, said. "But the thing I remember about Mickey, was me standing there by the player's entrance and the feeling I got when he would walk by. He was an absolute god."

He was to Crystal, too. "When I was 9 years old I limped for no reason," Crystal said, reminding fans of his hero's aching knees. "When I was Bar Mitzvah I spoke with an Oklahoman accent."

"Today," said Crystal, speaking with a Mantle-like drawl, "I am a man."

Mushtaq, Wasim subdue England

LONDON (Reuters) - Mushtaq Ahmed and Wasim Akram confirmed their status as two of the world's great match-winning bowlers yesterday by hustling Pakistan to a convincing 2-0 series victory over England at The Oval.

The home side buckled helplessly under the strain on the final afternoon as they were bowled out for 242, leaving Pakistan to score just 48 runs to complete a nine-wicket win with a possible 23.2 overs to spare.

Mushtaq, the architect of England's first Test defeat at Lord's, bowled his wrist spinners unchanged from the Vauxhall End to finish with figures of six for 78, with Wasim slicing through the tail to join one of Test cricket's most exclusive clubs.

His three for 67 made him only the 11th bowler in Test history to reach 300 wickets, a fitting personal reward for a captain whose team has set impressive standards throughout their all-conquering tour.

Five months ago, angry supporters were besieging Wasim's home after Pakistan's quarter-final defeat to India in the World Cup.

Now he is a hero again after presiding over Pakistan's fifth successive series win over England at home and abroad. England last beat its opponents in a series in 1982.

Wasim paid tribute to Mushtaq, praising him as "the best spinner in the world."

"Each individual really fought well today," he said. "The boys have really made me proud."

The irrepressible Mushtaq was named man-of-the-match as well as Pakistan's man-of-the-series and England could claim that without him the margin would have been less pronounced.

He took five for 57 as England spiraled to defeat at Lord's, losing its last nine wickets for 75, and repeated the trick on his return to London, taking six for 67 in an unbroken 30-over spell to delight any purist.

England thought it had suffered enough against the leg-spin



CAUGHT OUT - Pakistani bowler Mushtaq Ahmed celebrates after taking Graham Thorpe's wicket for nine.(Reuters)

of Shane Warne, but Wasim claimed Mushtaq, who has now taken 45 wickets in his last six Tests, was bowling even better than the Australian.

"He's getting better day by day...I think he's the best spinner in the world," said Wasim. "He's got more variety than Shane Warne."

Wasim suggested Pakistan's bowlers "have done the boys really proud" but there are few weak links in a team who have not always bonded so successfully.

"We have just proved that if we stick together we can beat any team in the world," he said. Even when England was 166 for two in early afternoon, the Pakistanis still refused to settle for the easy option of a draw with victory in the series already assured.

Tribe rallies to beat Brewers

CLEVELAND (AP) - Albert Belle celebrated his 30th birthday by putting the Cleveland Indians ahead with a two-run single in the seventh inning as the Indians came back from a four-run deficit to stop the Milwaukee Brewers 8-5 on Sunday.

In the third straight close game between teams separated by 15 1/2 games in the standings, Belle came up after Jim Thome was intentionally walked to load the bases.

After Doug Jones relieved, Belle hit the first pitch through a huge hole between first and second, beating the Brewers' strategy and their shift. Second baseman Fernando Vina was playing almost behind second base.

Paul Shuey (4-2) pitched 1 1/2 innings for the victory. Jose Mesa pitched the ninth for his 31st save.

Angel Miranda (7-6) was the loser. Athletics 6, Yankees 4

On a day the New York Yankees honored Mickey Mantle, Mark McGwire reminded fans of how far the Hall of Famer could hit them with a 446-foot shot in New York.

McGwire, the major leagues home run leader, hit his 44th this season in the second inning and drove in four runs for the A's. Oakland snapped a five-game losing streak against New York.

Matt Stairs hit a pinch-hit homer in the ninth off Jeff Nel-

son (4-4) and McGwire's single made it 6-4.

Darryl Strawberry and Tino Martinez homered for the Yankees, who remained six games ahead of Baltimore in the American League East.

Mike Mohler (5-2) picked up the win. NATIONAL LEAGUE

Rockies 13, Pirates 9

Vinny Castilla homered twice and drove in four runs as Colorado came back from an early five-run deficit to win at home.

The Rockies rallied as Castilla hit his career-best 33rd and 34th home runs. Larry Walker hit his 18th homer and also drove in four runs, and Ellis Burks hit his 36th homer and drove in three runs.

Giants 7, Expos 2

Barry Bonds' consecutive-games break ended at 357, but substitute Trinidad Hubbard homered and tripled for the hosts.

Bonds made pinch-hit appearances in the Giants' two previous games while resting his strained left hamstring. But the injured left fielder did not play at all, ending the longest streak in San Francisco history and stopping the longest active streak behind Cal Ripken's record string.

Mets seek Greener pastures

Dallas Green was fired yesterday as manager of the New York Mets and replaced by Bobby Valentine.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: East Division, Central Division, West Division. Rows include teams like Atlanta, Montreal, St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Houston, San Diego, Los Angeles, Colorado, San Francisco with stats for W, L, Pct, GB.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: East Division, Central Division, West Division. Rows include teams like New York, Baltimore, Boston, Toronto, Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago, Milwaukee, Kansas City, Texas, Seattle, Oakland, California with stats for W, L, Pct, GB.

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Advertisement for Paralympians look to Sydney: ATLANTA (AP) - The party's over - for real, this time. Atlanta's summer of international sports came to a close Sunday as Paralympic organizers looked back on 10 days worth of world-class games. Includes details about the Israel youth volleyball tourney.

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Kahalani, Hefetz reach agreement on Mazor job

BILL HUTMAN

A LENGTHY stand-off between Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani and Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz appears to have ended, with a compromise being reached over appointing Cmdr. Sando Mazor to head the police investigations division.

Kahalani and Hefetz met Sunday night and agreed that Mazor would take the post on November 1, instead of September 1, as originally intended when former internal security minister Moshe Shahal made the appointment, ministry sources said.

Mazor, with Hefetz's backing, threatened to petition the High Court of Justice if Kahalani tried to void his appointment. Sources close to the minister said Kahalani had only wanted to postpone the appointment because several sensitive investigations are under way, making it an inopportune time to change division heads.

Histadrut to cancel most personal contracts

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut leadership yesterday decided to cut the number of senior officials employed under personal contracts, as part of its effort to cut costs and balance its budget by the end of the year.

The trade union section's legal adviser, for instance, earns more than NIS 80,000 a month, while directors-general and section heads earn NIS 24,000 to NIS 27,000 a month.

Histadrut's legal department, but hired some 100 legal advisers, in the hope that strengthening the Histadrut's legal services would bring it new members. Since the new leadership took over, and consequently, its income - have been dwindling steadily.

Galilee residents want proposed industrial zone turned into park

DAVID RUDGE

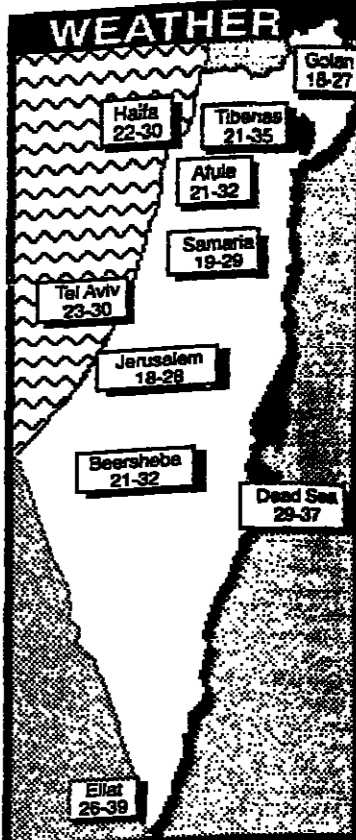
JEWISH and Arab residents in the western Galilee fighting plans to establish an industrial zone directly over the region's main source of drinking water have suggested turning the site into a nature park and tourist attraction.

The environmentalists maintain that any industrial or commercial development on the proposed site, south of the Kabri junction, would inevitably lead to pollution of the water sources.

sands of residents of Acre, Nabariya, Arab villages and kibbutzim and moshavim in the western Galilee not connected to the national water network.



Communications Minister Limor Livnat and Labor MK Haggai Merom (standing, second from right) help inaugurate the new television and radio stations in the communications section of the Center for Technological Education in Holon yesterday. Livnat promised her ministry would help any educational institution offering training in mass communications.



Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear. Slightly cooler.

Table titled 'AROUND THE WORLD' showing weather forecasts for various international locations like Amsterdam, Buenos Aires, Chicago, etc., with columns for Low, High, and other weather indicators.

Winning cards In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the queen of spades, the king of hearts, the ten of diamonds, and the eight of clubs.

The haredi attack on Barak

BACKGROUND EVELYN GORDON

YESTERDAY'S uproar focused on two pieces that appeared this week in haredi papers: One in Hashavua and one in Yated Ne'eman. Both attacked Supreme Court President Aharon Barak as being dangerous to both Judaism and democracy.

at every opportunity and speaks into every microphone... sometimes receives great honor, but he is also exposed to criticism and contempt - a great deal of contempt. A politician is public property.

ten involved in political matters. "he is already in the mud." Walder, interviewed on Israel Radio yesterday, vehemently rejected the interviewer's suggestion that the article meant to imply that Barak deserved death under Jewish law.

same criticism," he said. "A judge should not deal with political issues." Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, State Attorney Edna Arbel, and other senior Justice Ministry officials also entered the fray yesterday, expressing "great worry over the attacks on the Supreme Court and its president in recent weeks."

NEWS IN BRIEF: El Al jet makes emergency landing in Munich. Health Ministry D-G leaving post.

BARAK (Continued from Page 1) Rabin. What happened to Rabin requires, not only justifies, legal action," he said.

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